QUEENSLAND TREASURY

# Queensland response to the New Issues consultation paper

2026 Update

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# **Summary**

Commission draft position	Queensland response
The Commission proposes to use the 2023 Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Report Authority (ACARA) data without adjustment.	Support
The Commission proposes to include non- admitted patient (NAP) allied health services relating to violence, abuse and neglect services and genetic counselling in its proxy for community	<b>Do not oppose</b> inclusion of new categories, noting inconsistencies in data between states should be addressed where possible
and public health activity, but not to include services relating to long COVID in the 2026 update.	Support not including long COVID services
The Commission proposes to cease scaling the emergency department (ED) part of the community and public health activity proxy from 2023-24.	<b>Do not oppose</b> ceasing to scale the ED component of community and public health
The Commission proposes to retain the 2025 Review regression model coefficients for use in the urban transport assessment because the 2023–24	<b>Do not support</b> retaining 2025 model coefficients and not using 2023-24 data
data do not appear to be comparable between states. The Commission will continue to investigate the cause of the variation, including through the Data Working Group.	Recommend applying a discount to relevant parts of the 2023-24 data, if required, while data issues are further considered through the Data Working Group
The Commission proposes to exclude Commonwealth spending on state schools from all calculations from 2024–25 and continue the existing approach for the 2022–23 and 2023–24 assessment years.	Do not oppose
The Commission proposes to apply the proposed treatment to new Commonwealth payments in 2024-25	Do not oppose

### 1. Schools – changes in state funding

#### **Commission staff proposal:**

- Each year, the Commission recalculates the schools regression with the latest available data to determine the relative cost of different groups of students.
- For the 2026 Update, the updated annual regression used 2023 data from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Report Authority (ACARA). These data produced some larger annual changes in coefficients than had been estimated previously, particularly for the First Nations coefficient.
- The Commission considers the changes in the model reflect real world changes in 'what states do'. Therefore, the Commission intends to use the data without adjustment.
- Some variables have become insignificant in both the government and non-government schools regressions. The Commission intends to retain these variables as long as they are positive. If in a future year these variables have negative coefficients, the Commission will consult states on their appropriate treatment.
- The negative coefficients for the First Nations proportion and the remote First Nations student variables were inconsistent with the conceptual case. Therefore, they will not be included in the model. The Commission will retest these variables in the 2027 Update.

#### **Queensland position:**

- <u>Support</u> the use of the latest ACARA data in the schools regression model, in line with the principle of contemporaneity.
- <u>Support</u> retesting the First Nations proportion and the remote First Nations student variables in the 2027 Update, noting there remains a valid conceptual case for higher costs associated with these characteristics.

### 2. Health – community health activity proxy

#### **Commission staff proposal:**

Non-admitted patient clinic categories

- The community and public health assessment uses a proxy measure of activity based on a combination
  of emergency department (ED) triage 4 and 5 activity and selected non-admitted patient (NAP)
  activity.
- The 2023–24 data on NAP activity includes three new Tier 2 clinic categories:
  - Violence, abuse and neglect services
  - Genetic counselling
  - Long COVID
- COVID-19 expenses are separately assessed in a temporary health expense component. Consistent
  with this, the Commission intends to exclude long COVID services provided by an allied health
  personnel and/or clinical nurse specialists.



• The other new Tier 2 categories (violence, abuse and neglect services, and genetic counselling) are commonly provided in community health settings. Therefore, the Commission intends to include these categories in the proxy.

#### Coverage of the ED triage 4 and 5 data

- To minimise potential urban or non-Indigenous bias, ED activity data have been scaled each year so
  that presentations from hospitals without demographic information (predominantly block-funded
  hospitals) are assigned the demographic profile of hospitals in the same remoteness category.
- NAP activity data used in the proxy were similarly scaled until 2020–21. From 2021–22, state submission of aggregate NAP data to the Independent Health and Aged Care Pricing Authority (IHACPA) became optional, meaning scaling was no longer feasible.
- Continuing to scale the ED data used in the proxy but not the NAP data would give disproportionate
  weight to the ED component. Removing the scaling in 2023–24 would reduce the ED share of total
  community and public health activity marginally, from 55.6% to 55.0%.
- The Commission's preliminary view is to cease scaling the ED part of the community and public health activity proxy from 2023–24.

#### **Queensland position:**

- <u>Do not oppose</u> the inclusion of new tier 2 categories, while noting there remain data inconsistencies between states (in particular the much higher level of service events seen in New South Wales) the Commission should address.
- <u>Support</u> not including tier 2 category related to long COVID services. As evidenced in Queensland and other states Review submissions, COVID-19 expenses are heavily impacted by policy decisions.
- <u>Do not oppose</u> ceasing to scale the ED component of community and public health, noting that changes to data sources mean that scaling can no longer be consistently applied and its overall marginal impact.

### 3. Transport – regression re-estimation

#### **Commission staff proposal:**

- As part of the 2025 Review, the Commission decided to re-estimate the urban transport regression with updated data to reflect post-COVID-19 urban transport spending patterns, using 2022–23 and 2023–24 data to update the regression.
- Analysis of state 2023–24 net expense data showed large and significant variation between state net expense data for urban areas, particularly for smaller areas with populations less than 50,000. These variations were not present in the 2022–23 data.
- Given the Commission's concerns about the comparability of state data for 2023–24, the Commission
  does not consider the data suitable for use in re-estimating the regression model. The Commission
  will continue to investigate the cause of the variation in 2023–24 state data and propose this issue be
  referred to the Data Working Group for further consideration.



#### Queensland position:

- <u>Do not support</u> the decision to not use 2023-24 data. The changes in Queensland's data reflect extensive efforts to improve the quality of its transport data, addressing issues in the allocation of regional expenses present in the 2022-23 data.
- Specifically, a comprehensive data improvement exercise was undertaken to reallocate expenses to the correct Statistical Urban Areas (SUAs). This involved a detailed review of transport routes and services, ensuring that expenses were attributed to the areas where services were actually delivered, rather than where they were headquartered or domiciled. For example, services previously coded to Brisbane were more appropriately reallocated to the regional areas (such as Toowoomba, Kingaroy, and Gympie) where those services are used. This exercise therefore helps address historical inaccuracies and results in more reliable data.
- Queensland's higher expenses also reflect significant increases in labour, maintenance, and interest
  costs compared to the previous year. These increases were driven by enterprise agreement outcomes,
  operational readiness for Cross River Rail, retention payments to maintain parity with industry
  standards, broader industry pricing pressures, and higher borrowings to fund network growth
  investments.
- Queensland government policy in 2023-24 involved expanding public transport accessibility, particularly for vulnerable populations such as seniors and concession card holders. This meant higher associated operating expenses, particularly in regional areas where economies of density are less favourable.
- Failing to incorporate Queensland's 2023-24 data in the transport regression will be result in the transport regression being based on less reliable, more outdated data.
- Recommend the 2023-24 data be used and that the Commission could consider the use of a discount to parts of the data subject to significant variation, noting that the Commission's analysis of Queensland's 2023-24 data suggests the impacted part of the data only affects 9 significant urban areas with population less than 50,000 and 2 per cent of total state expenses for urban transport.
  - On this basis, it would therefore be inappropriate to not use the 2023-24 dataset and revert to non-contemporaneous 2022-23 data. Importantly, the Commission's own analysis indicates that 98 per cent of total state expenses for urban transport are unaffected by the data issues of concern to the Commission. Queensland recognises that data quality and comparability remain important concerns in all assessments and would encourage that such issues are approached through the data working groups.

### 4. Schools – Better and Fairer Schools Agreement

#### **Commission staff proposal:**

- The Better and Fairer Schools Agreement 2025 (BFSA) commenced on 1 January 2025, replacing the National Schools Reform Agreement. The supplementary terms of reference for the 2025 Review directed the Commission to not 'unwinding the recognition of educational disadvantage, or the differential funding proportions, embedded in the Better and Fairer Schools Agreement (BFSA) funding arrangements'.
- On practicality grounds, the Commission's preliminary view is to treat the payment as no impact and exclude the BFSA funding and the associated spending from its assessments.



• The BFSA began in January 2025. On practicality grounds, the Commission is not inclined to split the 2024–25 funding and apply the Quality Schools and BFSA treatments. The Commission's preliminary view is to apply the BFSA treatment to the entire funding for 2024–25.

#### **Queensland position:**

- <u>Do not oppose</u> the proposed approach to treat BFSA payments as 'no impact' in accordance with the terms of reference direction. Queensland considers this preferrable to a more complex actual per capita treatment which would have the same effect.
- <u>Support</u> a simple phased approach, that is applying the BFSA treatment to the entire 2024-25 period and applying the *Quality Schools* treatment in previous years.

# **5.** New Commonwealth payments

### Proposed Treatment of Commonwealth payments commenced in 2024-25

Commonwealth payment	Description	2024–25 \$m	Proposed treatment	Reason for treatment	Queensland position
Health					
Bentley Hospital Surgicentre	Funding to deliver a new Bentley Hospital Surgicentre, which will separate non-complex elective surgery from emergency surgery.	15.6	Impact	Investment in hospital infrastructure is a state service and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Expansion of the Flinders Medical Centre	Funding for an expansion of the Flinders Medical Centre, delivering 160 extra beds for the south of Adelaide.	59.5	Impact	Investment in hospital infrastructure is a state service and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Health and Medical Research Centre for Launceston	Funding to develop a medical research centre within the Launceston General Hospital.	0.4	Impact	Medical research contributes to community health services. Community health is a state service, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Integration and Empowerment Services and Wanneroo Seniors Club	Funding, through the Western Australia Government, to facilitate Integration and Empowerment Services and Wanneroo Senior Citizens Club organisations, to support delivery of services for National Disability Insurance Scheme clients and Senior Australians.	0.2	No impact	Delivery of community social welfare programs is a state service. However, needs are not assessed (other welfare).	Agree - payments should not impact as the needs are not assessed
Access to Eflornithine	Funding to reimburse the cost of purchasing and transporting the medicine eflornithine for eligible patients.	0.8	No impact	The affordable access to medicines is a service typically provided by the Commonwealth through the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.	Agree – payments should not impact as this is a non- state service
Eliminating cervical cancer in Australia	Funding to expand cervical screening services, to improve access to reach under-screened populations.	5.2	Impact	Cervical screening services is a community health service. Community health is a state service, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed

Commonwealth payment	Description	2024–25 Proposed I treatment	Reason for treatment	Queensland position	
		\$m			
	Funding to invest in state initiatives that address long stay older patient challenges through: avoiding hospital presentation and admission; where hospital admission is necessary, reducing the length of the hospital stay; supporting earlier discharge; and improving the transition out of hospital to other appropriate care.	168.6	No impact	The payment predominantly funds aged care, which is a Commonwealth responsibility.	Agree – payments should not impact as this is a non- state service
Primary Health Care Services in remote Northern Territory	Funding for the delivery of culturally appropriate, comprehensive primary health care for First Nations people in regional and remote Northern Territory communities where there is no Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.	46.3	Impact	State provided primary care services are a responsibility of the state and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Yass Maternity Care Centre	Funding for developing a women's and family maternity care centre at Yass.	2.9	Impact	Maternity health services are a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Canoe Slalom World Championship 2025	Contribution to a range of event planning activities such as: marketing and promotion, broadcast production, sports presentation, technology/performance systems, venue branding, international Canoe Federation development programme, test events, post event legacy impact and evaluation reports.	0.8	No Impact	While recreational services are a state function, needs for international events are not assessed.	Agree – payments should not impact as the needs are not assessed
Short-term workforce reforms - Kruk Review Implementation	Removing regulatory and transitionary barriers for overseas health professionals to work in Australia.	1.3	No Impact	Regulation of international health professionals is a Commonwealth responsibility.	Agree – payments should not impact as this is a non- state service
Education					
Operational Support for Manjali School	Funding to support the operation of the Manjali Studio School, a new secondary boarding school in the Kimberley region of Western Australia for First Nations students, which opened in 2025.	2.7	No impact	Commonwealth funded support for non-government schools is not assessed.	Agree – payments should not impact as the needs are not assessed.
	Funding, in a joint agreement with states, to support state education services to improve educational outcomes of Australian students. The BFSF will go to government and non-government schools in all states including recurrent funding, capital funding, choice and affordability funding and other prescribed purpose funding.	31,026.7	No impact	See paragraphs 36 to 43 in the main document.  Includes \$19,325.4 million for nongovernment schools which will be treated out of scope.	Agree – excluded as per terms of reference

Commonwealth payment	Description	2024-25	Proposed	Reason for treatment	Queensland position
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Degree Apprenticeship Pilot Program	Support for the delivery of the Degree Apprenticeships Pilot program.	1.0	Impact	Post-secondary education is a state function and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Turbocharging TAFE Centres of Excellence	Funding for TAFE Centres of Excellence to support agreed national skills and training priorities.	14.7	Impact	Demand to meet workforce challenges through further education in each state is a usual state function and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Community					
Far North Queensland Connect Project	Funding to Queensland to explore a model to integrate care and support services, strengthen local community workforces, and build inclusive communities across Far North Queensland. The initiative aims to increase National Disability Insurance Scheme plan utilisation, workforce capability and efficient integration of resources.	4.6	No Impact	Delivery of community social welfare programs is a state service. However, needs are not assessed (other welfare).	Agree – payment should not impact as the needs are not assessed
Outcomes Fund	A commitment of \$100 million over 10 years to support social impact investing projects addressing entrenched disadvantage focusing on supporting families and children, people facing concentrated unemployment and people facing or experiencing homelessness.	1.7	No Impact	Delivery of community social welfare programs is a state service. However, needs are not assessed (other welfare).	Agree – payment should not impact as the needs are not assessed
Port Augusta Safety and Wellbeing Partnership	Funding to support the Port Augusta Safety and Wellbeing Partnership. The Partnership aims to better coordinate investment in community services between the Australian Government and South Australia to improve the safety and wellbeing of people in Port Augusta and Davenport.	3.0	Impact	First Nations community engagement and development is a normal state function and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Affordable Housing					
Housing Australia Future Fund - Remote Indigenous Housing	Funding for repairs, maintenance and improvements to housing in remote Indigenous communities in Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory.	75.0	Impact	The payment supports social housing maintenance. This is a state service, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Infrastructure					
Hunter region - supporting clean energy	Funding to support the Hunter region and the Port of Newcastle to become hydrogen ready.	11.9	Impact	Hydrogen business development is a form of business development. This is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed

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Active Transport Fund	Funding to encourage an increase in active transport through the upgrade of existing and construction of new bicycle and walking pathways.	0.1	Impact	Community infrastructure is a state service, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program (SLRIP)	The SLRIP program aims to address current and emerging priorities in road infrastructure needs.	147.6	Impact	Investment in bridges and roads is a state service and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are
	The SLRIP consolidated the previous Bridges Renewal Program and Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program into a single funding stream.				assessed
Armstrong Creek Stadium	Funding for the Victorian Government's Regional Sports Infrastructure Program, for a new multi-sport facility in Armstrong Creek.	5.5	Impact	Recreational infrastructure is a state service, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Australian Opal Centre - Lightning Ridge	Funding for a national museum being developed at the outback opal mining town of Lightning Ridge, Australia, to house the world's greatest public collection of Australian opal and precious opalised fossils from the Age of Dinosaurs.	2.8	Impact	Tourism development is a state service, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Busselton Jetty Village and Marine Discovery Centre	Funding for a marine discovery experience on the Busselton foreshore.	7.4	Impact	Tourism development is a state service, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Darwin Cyclone Tracy Memorial	Funding for the construction of a permanent sculpture and a separate permanent memorial in Darwin to honour those who died and those whose lives were irrevocably changed by Cyclone Tracy impacting Darwin in December 1974.	0.6	Impact	Recreational and cultural services is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
National Capital Functions Program	The Australian Government is providing funding to the ACT Government for delivery of services that fulfil Commonwealth responsibilities of diplomatic and treaty obligations and relevant legislative provisions. This includes registration of diplomatic vehicles and licences, electronic registration of certain deaths abroad, French teaching under the French-Australian program for the purpose of meeting the Commonwealth's obligations and facilitating International Baccalaureate membership at Narrabundah College.	1.6	No impact	Fulfilling diplomatic and treaty obligations is a responsibility of the Commonwealth.	Agree – payments should not impact as this is a non- state service

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Regional Roads Australian Mobile Program - Pilot Program	Funding to improve multi-carrier mobile coverage on highways and major roads in regional and remote Australia.	<b>\$m</b> 18.5	No Impact	Telecommunications is a Commonwealth responsibility.	Agree – payments should not impact as this is a non- state service
Upgrades to the Qtopia Sydney Museum	Funding for the delivery of capital works to upgrade the first of the former Darlinghurst Police Station and expand Qtopia Sydney.	1.5	Impact	Investment in recreational and cultural services is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Warburton Mountain Bike Destination Project	Funding for a world-class mountain bike destination.	3.0	Impact	Tourism and recreational infrastructure are a state service, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
WA Telecommunication Resilience Program Pilot	Funding for urgent upgrades to telecommunication infrastructure during the bushfire season in priority locations.	2.0	No Impact	Telecommunications is a Commonwealth responsibility.	Agree – payments should not impact as this is a non- state service
Whyalla Airport Upgrades	Funding to support delivery of upgrades to strengthen the Whyalla Airport runway to enable larger, heavier aircraft to land safely.	10.0	No impact	While investment in airport infrastructure is a normal state service, the Commission does not assess needs related to airport infrastructure in its non-urban transport assessment.	Agree - payment should not impact as the needs are not assessed
Environment, energy and water					
Recycling modernisation fund - plastics technology stream	Funding for improved recycling outcomes by addressing critical infrastructure and technology gaps in Australia's waste management and resource recovery system.	23.7	Impact	Business development is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Reef 2050 Plan - Sustainable Fisheries	Funding to decrease risks to threatened and protected species and position reef fisheries at the forefront of best practice and sustainability.	9.0	Impact	Management of the fishing industry is a state service, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Water for the environment special account/ - Resilient Rivers Water Infrastructure Program	Funding for projects that contribute to enhancing the environmental outcomes of the Basin Plan. Includes improving the water efficiency of irrigation infrastructure, purchasing water for the environment and addressing detrimental impacts.	40.8	No impact	Environmental protection is a state service, but needs are not assessed.	Agree - payment should not impact as the needs are not assessed
Boosting HPAI biosecurity responses capability	Financial contributions based on states' co-investment to prepare for an incursion of high pathogenicity avian influenza (HPAI) through development of state response plans.	7.4	Impact	Internal biosecurity monitoring is a state service, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed

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Critical Minerals National Productivity Initiative	Support for a detailed feasibility study for a common user minerals processing facility to enhance Australia's capacity to process critical minerals and strategic materials.	0.2	Impact	Business development is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Implementation of the live sheep exports by sea phase out	Support to implement the Commonwealth's Phase Out of Live Sheep Exports by Sea transition assistance in Western Australia.	1.0	Impact	Business development is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Investing in Australia's First Nations Culture and World Heritage	Support towards the potential World Heritage listing of Parramatta Female Factory, Trades Hall transnational listing and Flinders Ranges.	0.1	Impact	Needs are assessed for deliberative EPC assessment for service expenses.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Partnering to Implement the National Soil Action Plan	Funding to deliver on-ground activities that help advance the protection and improvement of Australia's soil health.	7.1	Impact	Business development is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Restoring the upper Murrumbidgee River program	Funding to improve the health of the upper Murrumbidgee River. This includes projects that will address the decline in river health, and science and monitoring activities.	5.0	No impact	Environmental protection is a state service, but needs are not assessed.	Agree - payment should not impact as the needs are not assessed
Water for the environment special account - Sustainable Communities Program	Funding for community adjustment assistance to minimise socio- economic impacts of water purchase towards the Murray–Darling Basin Plan recovery target of 450 gigalitres per year of additional environmental water.	9.1	Impact	This payment is primarily to support basin communities. Community development and planning is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Other purposes					
Indigenous tourism fund	Funding to co-invest with the states on strategic projects that increase the supply of Indigenous tourism experiences and/or create supply chain opportunities for Indigenous tourism businesses.	5.8	Impact	Business development is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Assistance for the Whyalla steel Industry	Funding towards the administration, including ongoing operations, of the Whyalla Steelworks and to support eligible business creditors that remain out-of-pocket for debts owed during the administration period.	162.3	Impact	Business support is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Commonwealth Community Safety Order Scheme (CSO)	This Schedule will support the delivery of services for the Community Safety Order Scheme, which involves Community Safety Detention Orders and Community Safety Supervision Orders.	2.8	No -impact	This payment is related to the provision of Continuing Detention Orders and Extended Supervision Orders under the Community Safety Order scheme	Agree – payments should not impact as this is a non- state service

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				administered by the Commonwealth. This represents a Commonwealth function and is not a state service.	
Delivering high priority RFIs under CSO scheme	This Schedule will support states to respond to the high-priority Requests for Information (RFIs) from the Commonwealth by the Immigration Minister and the Department of Home Affairs.	0.6	No impact	This payment relates to information requested by the Commonwealth under the Community Safety Order scheme administered by the Commonwealth. This represents a Commonwealth function and is not a state service.	Agree – payments should not impact as this is a non- state service
National Labour Hire	Funding to progress a harmonised approach to national labour hire reform.	2.6	Impact	Industry regulation is a state function, and need are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Support to Host Giant Pandas in South Australia	Funding to host 2 giant pandas in the Adelaide Zoo.	0.8	Impact	Recreational and cultural services is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed

### Proposed Treatment of City and Regional Deals projects commenced in 2024-25

Commonwealth payment	Description	2024-25 \$m	Proposed treatment	Reason for treatment	Queensland position	
	Adelai	de				
Australian Defence Technologies Academy	Contribution to a \$60 million Australian Defence Technologies Academy to drive sovereign research and development of defence capabilities in South Australia.	2.0	No impact	Universities and defence are a Commonwealth responsibility.	Agree – payments should not impact as this is a non- state service	
Albury-Wodonga						
Stage 3 Splash Park development. Oddies Creek	Funding for a splash park that will offer families an alternative to risky river activities and meet community aspirations for accessible and vibrant recreational spaces.	2.0	Impact	Investment in recreational and cultural services is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed	

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Detailed design for an Aboriginal Aged Care Facility	Detailed design for proposed facility to include low medium and high care option for First Nations community members with a focus on holistic and culturally safe care.	0.5	No Impact	Aged care, including residential aged care, is a Commonwealth responsibility.	Agree – payments should not impact as this is a non- state service
Enabling & other infrastructure to support the Albury Wodonga Regional Hospital Development	Funding for a major new regional hospital and improved health services for the Albury, Wodonga and border communities.	6.5	Impact	Investment in hospital infrastructure and health services are a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Wodonga Creek Precinct development	Funding for the Wodonga Creek precinct development, linking the Wodonga central business area, Belvoir Park and Gateway Island through to Albury by connecting to the existing Wodonga pathways network.	2.0	Impact	Investment in recreational and cultural services (cycle track) is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Essential health worker housing	The funding will secure approximately 120 dwellings across regional New South Wales to support the recruitment and retention of more than 500 health workers and their families by providing a range of accommodation options.	3.5	Impact	The recruitment and retention of health- related staff is a function of state health services, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
	Barkly	/			
Social and Affordable Housing Private-Public Partnership	This project will deliver new dwellings in Tennant Creek, a portion of which available as affordable rental prioritised for eligible local people. The remaining dwellings will be provided as social housing aimed at women and children fleeing family violence and older women experiencing homelessness.	1.0	Impact	Social housing provision is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
	Geelor	ng			
City Arrivals	This project aims to make Geelong a greener, more pedestrian and bike-oriented city with new facilities and improved access.	0.2	Impact	Investment in recreational and cultural services is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Twelve Apostles	Investment in improved infrastructure, services and amenities to provide a better, safer and more connected visitor experience on the Shipwreck Coast.	29.3	Impact	Investment in the tourism industry is a state function, and needs assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
	South East Queen	nsland (SEQ)			
SEQ Innovation Economy Fund	Investment in capital projects that promote and grow SEQ's innovation economy with the aim to deliver more high value, knowledge-intensive jobs.	10.0	Impact	Investment in business development is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed

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SEQ Rail Corridor Digital Connectivity	Delivering improved digital connectivity on selected commuter rail corridors.	2.5	Impact	Urban transport investment is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Dunwich Ferry Terminal Upgrade	Upgrade of the Ferry Terminal at Junner Street, Dunwich.	1.0	No Impact	Non-urban transport investment is a state function, but needs are not assessed.	Agree - payment should not impact as the needs are not assessed
SEQ Liveability Fund	Projects to improve community facilities including playgrounds, community amenities, sports fields, aquatic centre and open space recreation.	35.0	Impact	Investment in recreational and cultural services is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Resource Recovery Infrastructure	Developing waste processing infrastructure in SEQ that will increase resource recovery rates, facilitate organics recycling and progress the region towards a circular economy.	7.0	No Impact	Sanitation is a local government responsibility.	Agree – payments should not impact as this is a non- state service
Resilient Rivers Initiative	This partnership-based project will invest in capital works to improve the health of the region's rivers and waterways.	2.5	No Impact	Environmental protection is a state service, but needs are not assessed.	Agree - payment should not impact as the needs are not assessed
Blue Heart Sunshine Coast	This partnership-based project is committed to sustainable and adaptive floodplain management in the Maroochy River catchment.	2.0	No Impact	Environmental protection is a state service, but needs are not assessed.	Agree - payment should not impact as the needs are not assessed
Bromelton State Development Area Business Case	Developing a Business Case to determine what infrastructure planning, sequencing, prioritisation and capital investment is required to activate the 15,610ha State Development Area.	0.8	Impact	Investment in business development is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed
Planning for Future Region- Shaping Infrastructure	Funding to identify infrastructure and land use planning needed to meet population growth.	1.2	Impact	Road infrastructure investment and maintenance is a state function, and needs are assessed.	Agree - payment should impact as the needs are assessed

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