



# **New issues for the 2022 Update**

## **Queensland Treasury response**



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# 1. Summary

Queensland Treasury appreciates the opportunity to provide input to the Commonwealth Grants Commission's preparation for the 2022 Update Report. Queensland Treasury supports proposals put forward by Commission staff except for those relating to:

## 4. Method changes to assessments (Services to Industry and Health)

- Queensland Treasury **does not support** method changes to the Service to Industry and Health assessments.
- Method changes should only be considered during a methodology review or, in very rare circumstances, at the direction of the Australian Treasurer through Terms of Reference. In both circumstances, the Commission should develop comprehensive position papers (including evidence for change and potential models) for consultation with states. This will allow states to properly consider the issue and potential solutions.

## 5. Assessed revenue exceeding assessed expenditures

- Queensland Treasury **does not support** the proposal that a state's relativity (single- or three-year average) that is below zero should be lifted to zero, and the cost should be shared by all other states on a population basis. Lifting a negative relativity to zero is counter to the principle of horizontal fiscal equalisation.

# 2. Response to COVID-19

- The COVID-19 pandemic is having significant and unprecedented economic and health impacts in Australia and around the world. For this reason, Queensland supports the Commission taking steps to re-examine its assessments to ensure it is capable of fully capturing the impact on states and territories' ('states') fiscal capacities and, by extension, on their shares of GST revenue.
- Queensland Treasury agrees that the Commission's current method is mostly capable of assessing states' fiscal capacities for the 2022 Update.
- Queensland Treasury **does not support** method changes to the Service to Industry and Health assessments.
- Method changes should only be considered during a methodology review or, in very rare circumstances, at the direction of the Australian Treasurer through Terms of Reference. In both circumstances, the Commission should develop comprehensive position papers (including evidence for change and potential models) for consultation with states. This will allow states to properly consider the issue and potential solutions.
- With respect to the Services to Industry assessment in particular, Queensland Treasury supports the Commission's findings from the 2020 Methodology Review, that Business Development expenses in the Services to Industry assessment be treated on an EPC basis. It is not practical to assess states needs, and to do otherwise would cause the assessment to be heavily influenced by states policies. This is still the case for the 2022 Update, and therefore the current EPC treatment should continue.

# 3. Response to the COVID-19 pandemic – revenue assessment could follow the same approach as for the 2021 update

## Commission staff proposal:

- Treat tax waivers, rebates, tax deferrals and Jobkeeper payments using the same approach as for the 2021 Update.
- Make no adjustment to revenue bases for any differences in state policy responses to COVID-19.

### Queensland positions:

- Queensland Treasury continues to **support** waivers, rebates and tax deferrals as well as Jobkeeper payments using the same approach as for the 2021 update. The assessment appropriately accounts for states fiscal capacities.
- Queensland Treasury acknowledges advice that the ABS is unable to disaggregate payroll tax data and therefore **supports** the proposal to not remove or adjust for JobKeeper payments in payroll tax bases.
- Queensland Treasury **supports** the Commission making no adjustments to revenue bases for any differences in states policy responses to COVID-19. The current method is conceptually sound and temporary revenue policy initiatives do not appear to have a material impact on states' relativities.

## 4. There are some new developments in expense assessments

### Commission staff proposal:

- Staff welcome state views on the impact of COVID-19 on state expenses and the drivers of these expenses. (Health and Services to Industry)
- Remove employees earning \$750 per week from the data used in the wage costs regression model.
- Staff welcome state views on the current and emerging impact of COVID-19 on the broad range of state expenses and the drivers of spending patterns.
- Assess Western Australia's expenses relating to the South-West Native Title Agreement and the Yamatji Nation Indigenous Land Use Agreement in the year they are paid.

### Queensland position:

#### *Services to Industry (Business Development Expenses)*

- Queensland Treasury **does not support** the Commission introducing a differential assessment for business development expenses because there is no strong conceptual case for doing so.
- Queensland Treasury supports the Commission's findings from the 2020 Methodology Review, that business development expenses in the Services to Industry assessment be treated on an EPC basis. It is not practical to assess states needs, and to do otherwise would cause the assessment to be heavily influenced by states policies. This is still the case for the 2022 Update, and therefore the current EPC treatment should continue.
- Method changes should only be considered during a methodology review or, in very rare circumstances, at the direction of the Australian Treasurer through Terms of Reference. In both circumstances, the Commission should develop comprehensive position papers (including evidence for change and potential models) for consultation with states. This will allow states to properly consider the issue and potential solutions.

#### *Health Assessment*

- Queensland **does not support** changing the health assessment to incorporate a driver for COVID-19 expenses.
- Method changes should only be considered during a methodology review or, in very rare circumstances, at the direction of the Australian Treasurer through Terms of Reference. In both circumstances, the Commission should develop comprehensive position papers (including evidence for change and potential models) for consultation with states. This will allow states to properly consider the issue and potential solutions.
- Despite Queensland Treasury's position that the Commission should not make method changes at this time, if the Commission is directed to investigate changes further, it will be important to first consider if there are any

anomalies in state expenditure patterns to test the assumption that differences in expenditure reflect changes in states circumstances or differences in policy responses.

- One potential source of useful data is in-scope activity under the *National Partnership Agreement on COVID-19 Response*, noting that 2020-21 data has not been finalised and excludes some COVID-19-related expenses. The agreement comprises:
  - Hospital service payment – This relates to hospital services provided in relation to COVID-19 that, to a large extent, replaced activity that would otherwise have been provided to non-COVID patients. It is not necessarily additional activity. Accordingly, this component is included in the minimum funding guarantee provided by the Commonwealth for 2019-20 and 2020-21 in relation to national health reform funding.
  - Private hospital financial viability payment – This is channelled through the states but effectively represents Commonwealth payments to private hospitals.
- Please note that the figures in the table for 2019-20 relating to the NPA are funding entitlements as reconciled by the Funding Administrator and are on an accruals basis. The figures for 2020-21 are on a cash basis and are therefore not comparable to the 2019-20 figures.

#### *Schools and Justice Assessments*

- Queensland Treasury **supports** making no adjustments to the schools or justice assessment. COVID-19-related policy changes and needs have not changed materially.

#### *Transport Assessment*

- Queensland Treasury **supports** the Commission monitoring the redistributive changes from the Transport assessment given the changes in usage of public transport. Further volatility in the outcomes of the assessment would indicate potential practical and conceptual issues, and that is should be a focus for the 2025 Methodology Review.

#### *Wages Assessment*

- Queensland Treasury **supports** removing employees earning exactly \$750 per week from the wage cost regression model. The Australian Government’s COVID-19 payment produces a “wage” that has no relationship with the underlying principles of the assessment and biases the results. There is less of an impact by removing employees actually earning \$750 per week than keeping those who received the COVID-19 payment.

#### *Other Assessment*

- Queensland **supports** expenses relating to Native Title and Land Use Agreements being assessed in the year they are paid to ensure there is alignment with GFS data and is reflective of states needs in an assessment year. It would be a poor reflection of states needs if 15 years of expenses were accrued in a single year.

## **5. What are the implications if a state’s assessed revenues exceed its assessed expenditures?**

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

- Lift the affected state’s annual relativity to zero and share the cost of doing this among the other states on a population basis.

### Queensland position:

- Queensland Treasury **does not support** the proposal that a state's relativity (single or three-year average) that is below zero should be lifted to zero, and the cost should be shared by all other states on a population basis. Lifting a negative relativity to zero is counter to the principle of horizontal fiscal equalisation.
- Prior to the Australian Government's changes to horizontal fiscal equalisation, this may have caused a financial issue, ie. potentially requiring a state to pay in the pto the GST pool. However, the GST pool is no longer finite (given the pool top up and 'no worse off' guarantee) and there is no reason to contemplate this change. It can be mathematically and fiscally accommodated.
- Allowing negative relativities will not impact the GST share of a state that has a negative relativity given the changes to equalisation that are being phased in. The 2022 Update will be the first with a .7 floor, which will ultimately be the equalisation level of any state with a negative relativity.

## 6. New Accounting Standards

### Commission staff proposal:

- Use ABS GFS data adjusted to be consistent with the accounting standards AASB 16 and AASB 1059 if doing so is materially different from using ABS GFS data as published.

### Queensland position:

- Queensland Treasury **supports** the Commission use ABS GFS data adjusted to be consistent with the accounting standards AASB 16 and AASB 1059 if doing so is materially different from using ABS GFS data as published.

## 7. Health assessment – non-admitted patient data

### Commission staff proposal:

- Include imputed national weighted activity unit data for GP-type services in the non-admitted patient assessment to ensure the scope of services covered by the activity data aligns with the services covered by the expense data.

### Queensland position:

- Queensland Treasury **supports** the Commission imputing national weighted activity unit data for GP-type services in the non-admitted patient assessment to ensure the scope of services covered by the activity data aligns with the services covered by the expense data.
- This approach is reasonable as it is what states do. It is essential that the assessment recognises GP-like services provided by states. Queensland is required to provide significant GP-type services in rural and remote areas as 'provider of last resort' because of lack of access to services funded through MBS, and it is important that the cost and utilisation of such services is reflected in the assessment.

## 8. Treatment of Commonwealth payments commenced in 2019-20

<i>Payment</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Payment Value (\$M)</i>	<i>CGC Impact Advice</i>	<i>Reason for Treatment</i>	<i>Queensland Treasury Position</i>
<b>Health</b>					
<i>Kangaroo Island nurse outreach program</i>	Funding to provide an outreach Primary health care nurse practitioner to complement the existing public and private health services on Kangaroo Island, South Australia.	1.2	Impact	Payment supports state services for which needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> The payment supports a state service (health) for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Reducing Stillbirths</i>	Grants to the RCPA and RANZCR so they can provide more stillbirth autopsies and investigations. It will also be used to develop educational resources to support parents.	1.0	Impact	Perinatal services are provided in state and non-state settings. On balance, staff consider this should be an impact payment because it supports state services for which needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> The payment supports a state service (health) for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Centre for National Resilience</i>	Funding to support increased quarantine capacity at the Centre for National Resilience (NT), including capital expenditure, health services and facility operations to accept Australian repatriations.	69.6	No impact	This payment is supporting a national objective (the repatriation of Australians).	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a Commonwealth responsibility.
<i>Quarantine arrangements in Tasmania</i>	Funding to support the delivery of quarantine services in Tasmania, including health services and agreed operational costs associated with the quarantine services to accept Australian repatriation.	4.0	No impact	This payment is supporting a national objective (the repatriation of Australians).	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a Commonwealth responsibility.
<i>Queensland 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games Candidature</i>	Funding to support the assessment of the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games opportunity, including the development, management and administration of candidature for Queensland to host the 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games.	4.5	No impact	The payment supports the assessment of Queensland's bid to host the 2032 Olympic Games and Paralympic games. Needs are not assessed for major international sporting events.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a need that is not assessed by the Commission.

<b>Skills and workforce development</b>					
<i>Energising Tasmania</i>	Funding for Registered Training Organisations to deliver nationally-recognised qualifications to workers in areas of priority skills needed to support the Battery of the Nation initiative and, more broadly, energy, infrastructure and related sectors in Tasmania.	4.6	<i>Impact</i>	Payment supports state services for which needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Job Trainer Fund</i>	Funding to provide an additional 340,700 training places to help school leavers and job seekers access short and long courses to develop new skills in growth sectors and create a pathway to more qualifications.	386.4	<i>Impact</i>	Payment supports state services for which needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Revitalising TAFE campuses across Australia initiative</i>	Funding to support small infrastructure projects such as building and construction works to expand, upgrade or refurbish TAFE facilities and buildings; purchasing or upgrading specialist-training equipment; and investing in technological infrastructure.	21.0	<i>Impact</i>	Payment supports state services for which needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<b>Community services</b>					
<i>COVID-19 Self-isolation for Remote communities</i>	Funding to reimburse states for some of the costs incurred in the provision of government funded self-isolation facilities for the duration of the Remote Travel Restrictions. in the Northern Territory, Western Australia, South Australia, and Queensland.	3.6	<i>No Impact</i>	Payments under this program are for the reimbursement of the costs of self-isolation facilities in several states. Quarantine arrangements are part of the national response to COVID-19. This serves a national interest and is a Commonwealth responsibility.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a Commonwealth responsibility.
<b>Affordable Housing</b>					
<i>HomeBuilder</i>	This initiative supports the residential construction sector and encourages consumers to proceed with purchases or renovations that may have been delayed due to the effects of COVID-19.	865.7	<i>No impact</i>	This is a payment from the Commonwealth to third parties via the state. The state is administering the program on behalf of the Commonwealth.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a Commonwealth priority and the state is only administering the program

<i>Social impact investments – Youth at risk of homelessness</i>	Funding to state governments to trial social impact investments which aim to help young people at risk of homelessness.	0.5	No impact	Needs are not assessed for 'Other welfare'.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a need that is not assessed by the Commission.
<b>Infrastructure</b>					
<i>Local Roads and Community Infrastructure</i>	Funding of \$1.5 billion over two years to support local councils to deliver priority local road and community infrastructure projects across Australia, supporting local economies and communities to cope with COVID-19.	835.2	No impact	Payments support local governments.	<b>Support no impact</b> This payment supports a local government need which is out of scope
<i>Public Safety Mobile Broadband</i>	Funding to support the delivery of a proof-of-concept trial for a Public Safety Mobile Broadband (PSMB). The PSMB supports Australia' to prepare for, and respond to, natural disasters and emergencies at the national scale.	8.0	No impact	Disaster mitigation is a state responsibility. However, needs are not assessed.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a need that is not assessed by the Commission.
<i>Regional recovery partnerships</i>	\$100 million over two years to support recovery and growth in 10 COVID-19 affected regions: (NSW) The Snowy Mountains; Hunter and Newcastle; Parkes Regions; (QLD) Cairns and Tropical North Queensland; Gladstone; Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday Regions; (TAS) all of Tasmania; (VIC) Gippsland Region; (SA) Kangaroo Island; and (WA) South West Region.	48.8	No impact	Payments support local council type services.	<b>Support no impact</b> This payment supports a local government need which is out of scope
<b>Environment</b>					
<i>Bilateral energy and emission reduction agreements</i>	These agreements support the provision of reliable and affordable power to remote areas in WA and the NT.	28.5	Impact	Payment supports state services for which needs are assessed	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>COVID-19 World and National heritage</i>	Funding to support the domestic tourism industry and regional communities through on ground projects to improve infrastructure at World and National Heritage sites.	32.7	No impact	Payment supports state services, but expenses (environmental protection) are not assessed.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a need that is not assessed by the Commission.

<i>Disaster risk reduction</i>	Funding to states to reduce the risk and impact of disasters on Australians in line with the priorities of the National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework.	20.9	<i>No impact</i>	Disaster mitigation is a state responsibility. However, needs are not assessed.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a need that is not assessed by the Commission.
<i>Environmental assessment systems upgrade</i>	Funding to support activities to establish new and interoperable environmental assessment systems including an online environmental assessment portal, an environmental assessment system, and a biodiversity data repository.	3.0	<i>No impact</i>	Payment supports state services, but expenses (environmental protection) are not assessed.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a need that is not assessed by the Commission.
<i>Environment Restoration fund</i>	Funding to protect Australia's water, soil, plants and animals, and support their productive and sustainable use.	1.0	<i>No impact</i>	Payment supports state services, but expenses (environmental protection) are not assessed.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a need that is not assessed by the Commission.
<i>Fishing and Camping Facilities program</i>	Funding for local councils to improve, maintain or build new boating, marine rescue, fishing and camping facilities (such as boat ramps).	3.3	<i>No impact</i>	Payment supports local council type services.	<b>Support no impact</b> This payment supports a local government need which is out of scope
<i>Forestry Industries Bushfire Salvage Transport assistance</i>	Grants to cover the additional costs of salvage log haulage to processing mills and/or storage facilities to forestry entities impacted by the 2019-20 bushfires and COVID-19 (for storage assistance).	10.7	<i>No impact</i>	While business development is a state provided service, the only bushfire related needs that are assessed are those directly covered by the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.	<b>Support no impact</b> Although business development should impact as needs are assessed bushfire needs are not assessed.
<i>Future Drought Fund/Farm business resilience</i>	Funding to provide farm businesses with training to develop strategic management skills and support the development of a Farm Business Plan to better plan for and manage drought. Funding will be provided from the Future Drought Fund.	16.0	<i>Impact</i>	The assessment of business development expenses does not recognise the spending needs of States in response to drought. However, the payment description implies funding will be provided to all regional agricultural areas and not specifically drought affected areas. On this basis, the payment should impact relativities.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.

<i>Future Drought Fund/Regional Drought resilience planning</i>	Funding to support group partnerships with local councils and regional stakeholders to develop Regional Drought Resilience Plans for agriculture. Funding will be provided from the Future Drought Fund.	9.9	<i>Impact</i>	The assessment of business development expenses does not recognise the spending needs of states in response to drought. However, the payment description implies funding will be provided to all regional agricultural areas and not specifically drought affected areas. On this basis, the payment should impact relativities.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Horticulture netting trial scheme</i>	Horticultural Netting Infrastructure Grants help primary producers in the Riverland and Adelaide Hills/Greater Adelaide region to fund the purchase and installation of new netting or the replacement of any damaged netting over land used to grow horticulture crops.	23.6	<i>Impact</i>	Payment supports state services for which needs are assessed	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Recycling Infrastructure</i>	Funding for improved recycling outcomes by addressing critical infrastructure gaps in Australia's waste management and resource recovery system.	4.5	<i>No impact</i>	Recycling and waste management services are the responsibility of local government.	<b>Support no impact</b> This payment supports a local government need which is out of scope
<i>Securing Forestry resources for economic security</i>	Grants supporting storage of wood products sourced from forests affected by the 2019-20 bushfires. This will mitigate both the effects of the Coronavirus economic downturn and the bushfire-induced short-term timber oversupply by extending the life of fire-affected timber that must be harvested now.	5.4	<i>No impact</i>	While business development is a state provided services, needs are not assessed for the impacts of bushfires or for COVID-19.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a need that is not assessed by the Commission.
<i>Water for the Environmental special account/Implementation of constraints measures</i>	Funding to NSW, Vic, and SA to ease or remove constraints to the delivery of water to environmental assets in the Murray-Darling Basin.	4.0	<i>Impact</i>	Payment supports state services for which needs are assessed	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.

<p><i>Water for the Environmental special account/Off-farm Efficiency program</i></p>	<p>\$1.4 billion over four years for state-led efficiency measures in the Murray-Darling Basin under the Water for the Environment Special Account.</p>	<p>35.0</p>	<p>Impact</p>	<p>This program is designed to "increase the volume of water available for irrigators and communities." Agriculture regulation is a state function for which needs are assessed.</p>	<p><b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.</p>
<p><b>Other Purpose</b></p>					
<p><i>National Legal assistance partnership</i> - <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal services</i> - <i>Community legal centres</i> - <i>Domestic Violence Units and Health Justice Partnerships</i> - <i>Legal aid commissions</i> - <i>Social and Community Services Sector supplementation</i> - <i>State and territory legal assistance administration</i></p>	<p>The Australian Government is providing additional funding for legal assistance services delivered by legal aid commissions, community legal centres and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal services</p>	<p>79.5  48.5  9.9  234.3  12.3  3.9</p>	<p><i>Impact</i></p>	<p>Payment supports state services for which needs are assessed</p>	<p><b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.</p>

<i>National Legal Assistance Partnership/Family advocacy and support services</i>	Funds for the operation of family advocacy and support services by legal aid commissions. They are providing integrated duty lawyer and family violence support services at locations across Australia.	9.9	<i>No impact</i>	This payment primarily supports family law court services, a Commonwealth function.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a Commonwealth responsibility.
<i>Queensland Country Bank Stadium</i>	Construction of a new multipurpose sporting stadium in Townsville.	5.0	<i>Impact</i>	Payment relates to the planning and building of cultural venues which are the responsibility of state governments, and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<b>City and Regional Deal – Townsville</b>		<b>15.0</b>			
<i>Port of Townsville channel upgrade</i>	The project involves a widening of the Port of Townsville shipping channel to allow larger ships to enter the Port (Proponent - Port of Townsville Ltd.)		<i>No impact</i>	While ports are a normal state government service, the Commission does not assess expenditure needs for ports in its non-urban transport assessment.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a need that is not assessed by the Commission.
<i>Reef HQ</i>	Funding for maintenance, upgrades, education and tourism development for Reef HQ. Reef HQ is wholly owned and operated by the Australian Government through the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA).		<i>No impact</i>	Payment is out of scope as it is for Australian government agency.	<b>Support no impact</b> Payment is out of scope of HFE
<b>City and Regional Deal -Geelong</b>		<b>10.1</b>			
<i>Revitalising Central Geelong - Geelong Train Station Upgrade</i>	Funding to upgrade the Central Geelong train station.		<i>Impact</i>	Payment supports state services for which needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Revitalising Central Geelong - Green Spine Block 1</i>	Funding to redevelop a section of Malop street (Gheringhap St to Moorabool St), with more park features and a more pedestrian and bike-orientated environment.		<i>No impact</i>	Payments are for local government/ community infrastructure in Geelong. Needs are not assessed for these types of services.	<b>Support no impact</b> This payment supports a local government need which is out of scope

<i>Revitalising Central Geelong - Green Spine Block 3</i>	Funding to redevelop a section of Malop street (Yarra St to Bellerine St) with more park features and a more pedestrian and bike-orientated environment.		<i>No impact</i>	Payments are for local government/ community infrastructure in Geelong. Needs are not assessed for these types of services.	<b>Support no impact</b> This payment supports a local government need which is out of scope
<i>Geelong Waterfront Safe Harbour Precinct</i>	Installation of a new publicly accessible wave attenuator, marina arm and casual berthing.		<i>No impact</i>	Payments are for local government/ community infrastructure in Geelong. Needs are not assessed for these types of services.	<b>Support no impact</b> This payment supports a local government need which is out of scope
<i>Priority Projects - Shipwreck Coast Masterplan</i>	Improved infrastructure, services and amenities identified under Stage 2 of the Victorian Government's Shipwreck Coast Master Plan.		<i>Impact</i>	Payment is primarily related to improving tourism by the state government. This is a normal state service and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Redevelopment of Apollo Bay Harbour</i>	Public realm infrastructure improvements for the Apollo Bay Harbour precinct to broaden the range of commercial operations and recreational offerings.		<i>Impact</i>	Payments are related to infrastructure that will improve tourism. This a normal state function and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Point Grey, Lorne Redevelopment</i>	Building of a new Lorne Aquatic and Angling Club building, a new commercial restaurant, improved public spaces and walking paths in Lorne.		<i>Impact</i>	Payments are related to infrastructure that will improve tourism. This a normal state function and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Apollo Bay to Skenes Creek Coastal Trail</i>	Construction of a coastal trail for pedestrians and cyclists between Apollo Bay and Skenes Creek.		<i>Impact</i>	Payments are related to infrastructure that will improve tourism. This a normal state function and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Redevelopment of the Queenscliff Ferry Terminal</i>	Upgrading the Queenscliff Ferry Terminal building, board walks and public realm.		<i>No Impact</i>	The payment is for infrastructure related to the functions of a Port (ferry terminal). While ports are a normal state government service, the Commission does not assess expenditure needs for ports in its non-urban transport assessment.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a need that is not assessed by the Commission.

<b>City and Regional Deal – Darwin</b>		<b>45.0</b>			
<i>Education and Community Precinct</i>	Funding for an Education and Community Precinct in Darwin's city centre, including a new city campus for Charles Darwin University, a new Northern Territory Government library, café and community spaces.		Split	Expenses for higher education services (ie, university buildings) are not a state service and needs are not assessed.  State government libraries are a normal State service and needs are assessed	<b>Support split impact</b> Support no impact for university buildings as this is not a state service, Support impact for state library as this is a state service and needs are assessed.
<b>City and Regional Deal -Perth</b>		<b>27.8</b>			
<i>Edith Cowan University CBD Campus</i>	Funding to support Edith Cowan University to build a new City Campus.		<i>No impact</i>	Expenses for higher education services (ie, university buildings) are not a state service and needs are not assessed.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a Commonwealth responsibility.
<i>CBD Transport Plan</i>	Funding to improve active and public transport accessibility and safety in the CBD.		<i>Impact</i>	Payments are for normal state government road upgrades/safety and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<b>City and Regional Deal -Adelaide</b>		<b>9.6</b>			
<i>The Innovation Hub</i>	Funding for a dedicated hub to bring together entrepreneurs, industry, universities and the public to support commercialisation of ideas and technology.		<i>Impact</i>	Payments are for business development purposes. These are normal state functions and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Smart Technology - Free WiFi</i>	Funding for supporting smart technology initiatives in the city centre.		<i>Impact</i>	Payments are to improve communications infrastructure. This is a normal state type service and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.

<i>Smart Technology - CCTV</i>	Funding for supporting smart technology initiatives in the city centre.		<i>Impact</i>	Payments are to improve communications infrastructure. This is a normal state type service and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Smart Technology - Experience Adelaide</i>	Funding for supporting smart technology initiatives in the city centre.		<i>Impact</i>	Payments are to improve communications infrastructure. This is a normal state type service and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Aboriginal Arts and Culture Centre</i>	Development of a globally-recognised centre for Aboriginal art and culture.		<i>Impact</i>	Payment supports a new cultural centre. This is a normal state function and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Carrick Hill</i>	Construction of a pavilion to support services and amenities for visitors.		<i>Impact</i>	Payments are related to improving tourism. This a normal state function and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Mitcham Hills Trail &amp; Glenthorp Loop</i>	The Loop will link major natural and cultural attractions in southern Adelaide.		<i>Impact</i>	Payments are related to improving tourism. This a normal state function and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<b>City and Regional Deal -Hinkler</b>		<b>0.3</b>			
<i>Outer Harbour Pre-feasibility Study</i>	Funding to undertake a pre-feasibility study into potential long-term opportunities for a new outer harbour and connecting infrastructure for the Port of Bundaberg.		No impact	The payment supports business development of a port. While ports are a normal state government service, the Commission does not assess expenditure needs for ports in its non-urban transport assessment.	<b>Support no impact</b> The payment supports a need that is not assessed by the Commission
<b>City and Regional Deal – Albury-Woodonga</b>		<b>1.5</b>			

<i>Preliminary Strategic Work</i>	Support for the development of proposals that could form part of the Albury Wodonga Regional Deal. The Deal will bring together all levels of government to harness local opportunities and strengths.		<i>Impact</i>	The payment supports state planning functions for the Albury - Wodonga regional councils. This is a normal state function and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<b>City and Regional Deal – Barkly</b>		<b>3.8</b>			
<i>Community Sports</i>	Supporting for reactivating and building community involvement in local sports across the Barkly region. The project is delivered in partnership with Sport Australia.		No impact	Payments are for local government community sports programs and needs for these types of services are not assessed.	<b>Support no impact</b> This payment supports a local government need which is out of scope
<i>Economic Growth Strategy</i>	Development of a regional economic growth strategy to encourage private sector growth and diversify existing businesses, including harnessing digital opportunities to expand the marketplace and address barriers to growth in the Barkly region.		Impact	Payments are for business development purposes. These are normal state functions and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.
<i>Youth Infrastructure</i>	Providing youth-focused infrastructure in communities across the Barkly region through the Building Better Regions Fund.		No Impact	Payments are for local government sport and community infrastructure, and local jobs across the Barkly region. The payment is not related to state government services. Needs are not assessed.	<b>Support no impact</b> This payment supports a local government need which is out of scope
<i>Tennant Creek Visitor Park</i>	Provision of a dry and secure accommodation option for transitional and seasonal visitors from outlying communities and address the critical need for more housing options in the Barkly region. The project is a joint venture between the Commonwealth, the Northern Territory Government and the Barkly Regional Council.		Impact	Payments are to develop social housing. This is a normal state government function and needs are assessed.	<b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.

<p><i>Barkly Local Community Projects Fund</i></p>	<p>Grants to deliver local projects in communities and Aboriginal homelands outside Tennant Creek. The project is jointly funded by the Commonwealth, Northern Territory Government and Barkly Regional Council. The project will support local capacity, government and leadership in remote communities and respond to remote community priorities for infrastructure developments.</p>		<p>No impact</p>	<p>Payments are for local government type community infrastructure, and to support the local community in the Barkly region. The payment is not related to state government services. Needs are not assessed.</p>	<p><b>Support no impact</b> This payment supports a local government need which is out of scope</p>
<p><i>Barkly Business Hub</i></p>	<p>Supporting regional business creation and growth by building local business capacity and helping local businesses capitalise on economic opportunities in the region by connecting them with investment opportunities.</p>		<p>Impact</p>	<p>Payments are for business development purposes. These are normal state functions and needs are assessed.</p>	<p><b>Support impact</b> Payment supports state services for which the needs are assessed.</p>