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To: Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister and Cabinet

## BUILDING BETTER REGIONS FUND UPDATE

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## Recommendation - that you:

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Comments:

## Key Points:

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4. Round Six will open for applications after successful Round Five projects are announced, expected in quarter three of 2021 following Cabinet endorsement (MC21-050753).

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**ATTACHMENTS**

**ATTACHMENT A   DRAFT RESPONSE**

**ATTACHMENT B   INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE**

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**The Hon Michael McCormack MP**

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**Deputy Prime Minister  
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development  
Leader of The Nationals  
Federal Member for Riverina**

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**18 JUN 2021**

The Hon Scott Morrison MP  
Prime Minister  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

As the Chair of the Building Better Regions Fund (BBRF) Ministerial Panel, I am writing to update you on the delivery of the BBRF.

The Australian Government agreed, in the 2021-22 Budget, to a further \$250 million for Round Six of the BBRF. The assessment of applications for funding from Round Five is being finalised and I expect to make announcements on successful projects in the third quarter of this year. Round Six will open once those announcements have been made, to give applicants the opportunity to apply for Round Six with certainty about the outcomes of Round Five.

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As with previous BBRF rounds with a particular focus (such as tourism in Rounds Three and Five or drought in Round Four), I expect additional eligibility criteria <sup>s22</sup> will be included in the Grant Opportunity Guidelines for Round Six.

BBRF funding rounds are typically well over-subscribed. In Round Five, 1,083 applications were received seeking total funding of approximately \$1.69 billion. <sup>s22</sup>

Yours sincerely

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Michael McCormack