



Premier of Western Australia

Our Ref: 59-340530

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister
Parliament of Australia
PO Box 6022
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister 

DAY OF COMMEMORATION FOR MIDDLE EAST VETERANS

I write to you in support of calls to establish a National Day of Commemoration to acknowledge Australians who served in the Middle East since 2001.

Approximately 30,000 Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel served in Afghanistan and Iraq between 2001 and 2021, with 41 lives lost during combat operations.

I am aware that on 19 July 2021 the then Defence Minister, The Hon Peter Dutton MP, announced a period of consultation, seeking the views of ADF personnel, their families, veterans and ex-service organisations, as well as the Australian community on an appropriate day to commemorate those who served in the Middle East Area of Operations (MEAO).

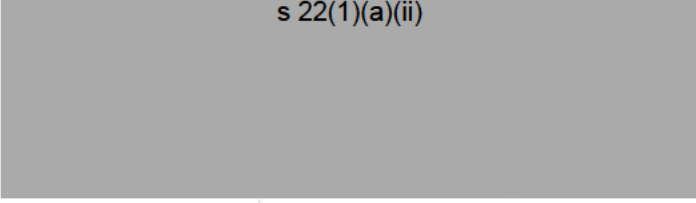
I am also aware that we as a nation commemorate a number of significant dates to acknowledge those who have served, including; 27 July Korean Veterans Day, 18 August Vietnam Veterans Day, and 31 August Malaya and Borneo Veterans Day, so the concept of a day of commemoration to acknowledge our Afghanistan and Iraq Veterans would appear to have precedence.

As you will appreciate, Australia's involvement in the MEAO had a level of significance to Western Australia, through the number of locally based personnel who served in country, and the role of local ADF facilities which were integral in supporting operations.

I raise this matter for your consideration, and look forward to hearing from you on the proposed establishment of a day of commemoration.

Yours sincerely

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Mark McGowan MLA

PREMIER

Cc *Hon Richard Marles MP, Deputy Prime Minister; Minister for Defence*
Hon Matt Keogh MP, Minister for Defence Personnel; Veteran's Affairs

24 JUN 2022



PRIME MINISTER

Reference: MC22-046432

The Hon Mark McGowan MLA
Premier of Western Australia
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Premier

Mark,

Thank you for your letter dated 24 June 2022 regarding a National Day of Commemoration to acknowledge Australians who served in the Middle East since 2001.

The Government acknowledges the bravery of Australian Defence Force (ADF) servicemen and women who served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. This includes veterans from Western Australia who served in the Middle East Area of Operations and the role of local ADF facilities that supported operations. Australians owe a debt of gratitude to our ADF personnel and veterans, and we have a solemn duty to look after them.

As days of commemoration are a matter for the Veterans' Affairs portfolio, I have referred your letter to the Hon Matt Keogh MP, Minister for Defence Personnel and Minister for Veterans' Affairs, to provide a response.

Yours sincerely

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ANTHONY ALBANESE

12 JUL 2022



Premier of Western Australia

Our Ref: 59-329177

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister
House of Representatives
Parliament House
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CANBERRA ACT 2600


Dear Prime Minister

NATIONAL AGREEMENT ON CLOSING THE GAP – NEW SOCIOECONOMIC TARGET FOR COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

On 18 March 2022, the former Prime Minister, the Hon. Scott Morrison wrote seeking my agreement to the new Community Infrastructure Target (Target) under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap (National Agreement).

I am pleased to advise of my agreement to the inclusion of the Target in the National Agreement. I note that the Target has been developed collaboratively by representatives of government parties and the national Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak Organisations.

Housing and community infrastructure remains a consistently high priority for Aboriginal people across Western Australia (WA), whether in cities, towns or remote communities. WA shares the Australian Government's commitment to this ambitious target set by the National Agreement. The critical importance of providing appropriate infrastructure in remote aboriginal communities has been made increasingly clear by the COVID-19 pandemic.

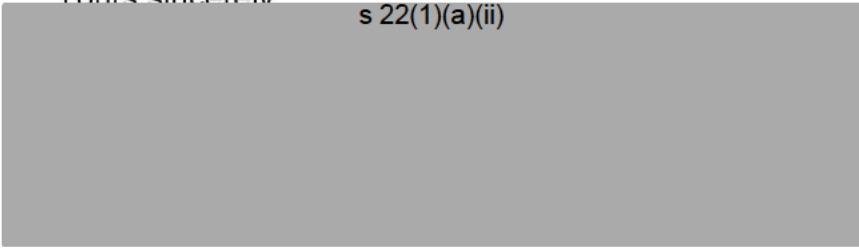
Since coming into office in 2017, my Government has shown strong commitment to progressing the National Agreement's target for parity in remote essential services and infrastructure. In the 2022-23 State Budget, we committed a further \$350 million in seed funding to improve living conditions in remote communities in Western Australia. This is in addition to the record \$2.1 billion we are investing in social housing.

Improving outcomes for remote communities requires a collective effort across all levels of Government to ensure that these communities are supported from an infrastructure, health and wellbeing perspective. My Government requests to work in partnership with the Federal Government to collectively drive outcomes in these communities, and I request a matched funding commitment to support these efforts.

I am optimistic that future discussions can bring about a renewed spirit of Federal-State partnership regarding investment in housing and remote communities, leading to better outcomes across the full range of Closing the Gap targets.

Yours sincerely

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



Mark McGowan MLA
PREMIER

24 AUG 2022



PRIME MINISTER

Reference: MC22-061518

The Hon Mark McGowan MLA
Premier of Western Australia
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WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Premier

Mark,

I am writing to seek your agreement to extend the sunseting of crucial counter-terrorism provisions contained in Part 5.3 of the *Criminal Code*, in accordance with the *Intergovernmental Agreement on Counter-Terrorism Laws*.

Control orders and preventative detention orders are critical to managing terrorism threats. If these powers were to lapse, the ability of agencies to protect the community from terrorist threats would be greatly impaired. These powers are due to sunset on 7 December 2022.

The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Intelligence and Security (PJCIS) reviewed control orders and preventative detention orders and recommended extending these powers. To allow sufficient time for the Commonwealth Government response to the PJCIS review to be finalised, the Government proposes to extend these powers by 12 months to 7 December 2023.

To facilitate the urgent passage of these amendments (Attachment A) through Parliament, I seek your agreement to the proposed amendments to the *Criminal Code* by 7 September 2022. This will allow the legislation to be introduced in the week commencing 5 September 2022, which is the third week of the Spring sittings.

I have copied this letter to the Hon Mark Dreyfus QC MP, Attorney-General.

Yours sincerely,

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ANTHONY ALBANESE

Encl.

29 AUG 2022



Premier of Western Australia

Our Reference: 59-349752
Your Reference: MC22-061518

Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

EXTENSION OF SUNSETTING OF COUNTER-TERRORISM PROVISIONS IN CRIMINAL CODE (PART 5.3)

Thank you for your letter dated 29 August 2022, seeking my agreement to extend the sunseting of counter-terrorism provisions contained in Part 5.3 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth).

In accordance with my responsibilities under Part 3.4 of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Counter-Terrorism Laws (2004), I advise that I agree to the proposed amendments set out in the Counter-Terrorism Legislation Amendment (AFP Powers and Other Matters) Bill 2022 attached to your letter.

Yours sincerely

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Mark McGowan MLA
PREMIER

- 6 SEP 2022



Premier of Western Australia

Our Reference: 59-353219

Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Hon Jim Chalmers MP
Treasurer
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600


 
Dear Prime Minister and Treasurer

I refer to correspondence between the Hon Anika Wells MP, Minister for Sport, and the Hon David Templeman MLA, Minister for Sport and Recreation, regarding Western Australia's efforts to ensure that the National Hockey High Performance Programme (NHHPP) remains in WA.

As you know, WA has been home to the NHHPP for almost 40 years. It is our only national high performance programme. WA has an international reputation as Australia's home of hockey and retaining the NHHPP is of immense importance to us. For this reason, WA's hosting proposal includes plans to develop a new Australian Hockey Centre (AHC) facility here in WA.

The AHC will provide an enhanced, world-class training environment for current and future Kookaburras and Hockeyroos, capable of hosting games from local matches through to major international events. It will be a place within which local, national and international hockey communities can connect, and the great game of hockey can continue to grow from the grass roots level.

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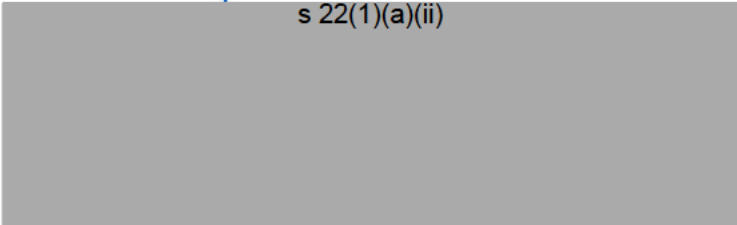


While WA has chosen not to bid for these events, Western Australians would expect that we would get our fair share of funding towards sporting infrastructure – especially when it went towards the continuation of an almost 40-year national institution.

I would appreciate your urgent reconsideration of WA's request for a Commonwealth Government contribution to the AHC, which will support WA's bid to remain Australia's home of hockey, as we have been for nearly 40 years.

Yours sincerely

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Mark McGowan MLA
PREMIER; TREASURER

10 OCT 2022



PRIME MINISTER

Reference: MC22-055482

The Hon Mark McGowan MLA
Premier of Western Australia
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Premier

Mark,

As a member of the Council on Federal Financial Relations (CFFR), you would be familiar with the completion of the housekeeping review of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations (IGA FFR) overseen by Heads of Treasuries and endorsed by CFFR out of session in March 2022.

The review updated terminology and reporting requirements to align with the recent changes made to the Commonwealth-State funding agreement architecture, but no changes to the substance or policy direction of the IGA FFR and its underlying principles were made.

In order for the variation to be implemented, I seek your signature on the updated IGA FFR in your capacity as First Minister and current signatory to the IGA FFR.

The updated IGA FFR is at Attachment A for your signature. Please sign and return this. The variation to the IGA FFR which includes the current IGA FFR with the proposed changes (in track) is at Attachment B for your reference.

Yours sincerely,

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ANTHONY ALBANESE

08 SEP 2022



Premier of Western Australia

Our Reference: 59-350429
Your Reference: MC22-055482

Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister
Parliament of Australia
PO Box 6022
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

UPDATED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL RELATIONS

Thank you for your letter on 8 September 2022 seeking my approval of the updated Intergovernmental Agreement on Federal Financial Relations (the IGA FFR).

I note that the IGA FFR was endorsed by the Council on Federal Financial Relations out-of-session in March 2022 and that the changes do not affect the substance or policy direction of the IGA FFR or its underlying principles.

I am pleased to approve the amendments made to the IGA FFR as per the attached signed copy.

I look forward to continued cooperation with your Government on Commonwealth-State financial relations.

Yours sincerely

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Mark McGowan MLA
PREMIER

att.

19 OCT 2022



Premier of Western Australia

Our Reference: 59-360063

Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister
Parliament of Australia
PO Box 6022
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

RECOVERY CHALLENGES FROM FLOODING ASSOCIATED WITH EX-TROPICAL CYCLONE ELLIE IN KIMBERLEY REGION, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Thank you for visiting the flood-affected Kimberley region with me earlier this week and for your swift activation of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA). These actions help to assure Kimberley communities that your government understands the devastating impact of the flooding and will support them through the recovery process.

I appreciate that you were able to see first-hand the sheer scale of the flooding, which is the worst that the State has ever seen, along with the initial impacts on communities along the Fitzroy River catchment. As the Western Australian Government's assessment of the damage continues, the scale of the damage and the extent of the State's recovery challenges due to this flooding become clearer. These include the impacts to remote Aboriginal communities, as well as government infrastructure, community housing, supply chains, small businesses, and regional industry. It is critical that our governments continue to work together to address these challenges.

In addition to the damage to homes, assessments are showing that road infrastructure has been particularly badly damaged. This includes vital arterial freight roads such as the Great Northern Highway and the Tanami Road, running between Western Australia and Northern Territory. Movement and supply chain issues have been further impacted by damage to bridges in the flood-affected area. In particular, initial assessments show that the Fitzroy River Bridge will need to be replaced. As this would take around two years to complete, interim solutions including the use of a temporary bridge, installation of a new low-level floodway or a temporary barge services are currently being considered.

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) has provided important support to Kimberley flood response and recovery efforts so far. I ask that further ADF assistance and expertise is considered to help support temporary bridge solutions and road repairs, and also continue to support the transport of people and goods – including fuel and generators – to and from the affected areas as needed.

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I am also cognisant of the concern and uncertainty faced by small business and tourism operators in the Kimberley, with the latter already expressing concern about booking cancellations for the April 2023 school holidays. I understand that this is an issue that has been faced by other jurisdictions in the wake of other natural disasters in recent years.

Tourism WA is currently assessing the requirements of the sector, but it is already clear that unaffected operators will require consistent cross-government communication of an "open for business" message and impacted businesses will need ongoing support.

The State will continue to work to assess the damage and the financial impact of the flooding associated with ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie, as well as develop estimates of the clean-up program. The Western Australian Government will provide advice to the Commonwealth on this once financial information becomes available and continue to work closely with your agencies in developing appropriate recovery support measures.

The complexities of the recovery, particularly in regard to supporting households and repairing and rebuilding homes, has highlighted that the provision and standard of housing in remote communities and town-based reserves is insufficient.

As you would be aware, as part of our 2022-23 State Budget the Western Australian Government committed \$350 million to a Remote Communities Fund, to support improved water, power and municipal services, and increase housing availability in remote Aboriginal communities. Historically this has been a Commonwealth responsibility and therefore it is crucial that our governments work together and jointly fund remote housing and essential services, to improve living conditions and broader outcomes for Australians living in remote communities and town-based reserves.

I am confident this will align with a number of the objectives both our governments are seeking to achieve in the Closing the Gap targets to improve the lives of Australian First Nations' people.

Thank you again for your support, as well as the support provided by the National Emergency Management Agency, the Australian Defence Force and partner agencies to date. These contributions will continue to be vital as we continue to support disaster affected communities in the Kimberley to recover from this significant emergency.

Yours sincerely

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Mark McGowan MLA
PREMIER

16 JAN 2023



PRIME MINISTER
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Reference: MC23-002879

31 JAN 2023

The Hon Mark McGowan MLA
Premier of Western Australia
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Premier

Thank you for your letter of 16 January 2023 regarding recovery challenges from the flooding associated with Ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie in the Kimberley region.

I appreciated the opportunity to visit the Kimberley early in the response to the flooding and to be able to observe the flood damage and talk with people on the ground to understand the issues they are facing. I would like to acknowledge the significant efforts of the Western Australian (WA) agencies in responding to this event and assisting in the recovery.

Having witnessed firsthand the unprecedented scale and complexity of the damage and impacts of the disaster, it is critical that we continue to work together to provide the support needed to alleviate the impacts on communities in the Kimberley region and surrounds, noting the recovery in this region will take some time. This relates particularly to impacts on remote First Nations communities, government infrastructure, community housing, supply chains, small businesses and the regional tourism industry.

My government remains committed to supporting the WA agency-led response and relief operations. This includes emergency assistance from the Australian Defence Force (ADF), in response to the identified needs in the impacted region.

In response to options for a temporary bridge solution following damage to the Fitzroy River Bridge, I am advised that a short-term solution is now in place, with the local communities, Main Roads Western Australia and the ADF having erected ramps on either side of the river, allowing people to be ferried across in good weather. I also understand Main Roads Western Australia is progressing temporary and longer term solutions. The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) is working with WA senior officials to consider enduring solutions and how the Commonwealth can assist, including as requested by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) the option of working with the US Defense Department to identify interim bridge solutions. I am confident our agencies will continue to work collaboratively to address these critical issues, and I welcome updates on progress from you on plans for the bridge, as a critical part of the region's recovery.

I am pleased to see the priority the WA Government is placing on consultation and genuine partnership with remote First Nations communities and leaders impacted by this disaster, in order to ensure the most appropriate, needs based support is provided. In particular, based on my visit and the conversations I had with local people, targeted and considered support for temporary and longer-term housing needs and essential services will be critical. Senior Commonwealth officials will continue to work closely with officials from the DFES, as well as the WA Department of Community Services on this particular issue.

Given the remoteness of this area, as well as the cultural significance of the Kimberley, I ask that you continue to ensure all recovery efforts are viewed through the prism of locally-led, community consultation. The recovery journey for this region will be long, with many complex challenges. As you know, supporting people to maintain connections to country will be key to a successful recovery. Working jointly with First Nations people in the Kimberley region and surrounds is a priority of my Government, and will help us to achieve a number of the Closing the Gap outcomes.

I note there will be indirect impacts to the tourism industry and small businesses as a result of this event. I have asked NEMA officials to work directly with DFES to identify the most appropriate relief measures to support recovery from this event.

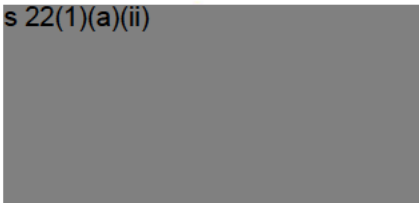
I understand that NEMA officials are providing assistance and advice on developing an initial package of assistance under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, which will focus on clean up, temporary housing and the ongoing supply of essential items to the area.

I look forward to your advice on how the Commonwealth can continue to support WA's response and recovery measures.

I trust this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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ANTHONY ALBANESE

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Premier of Western Australia

Our Reference: 59-361639

The Hon. Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600


Dear Prime Minister 

On behalf of the Western Australian Government, I would like to formally thank the Albanese Government for the extensive logistical and personnel support provided by the Australian Defence Force during the response to the Kimberley Floods resulting from Ex-Tropical Cyclone (TC) Ellie. In addition, we are grateful to have had the attention and support of the National Emergency Management Agency from the onset of this event. I also acknowledge the practical support for impacted communities through the timely activation of the Disaster Recovery Allowance.

On a personal level, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for taking the time to visit the region in the immediate aftermath of the event. I know that the community valued your presence and genuine interest in their situation. Having been on the ground, you will have grasped the scope and complexity of the challenge that lies ahead to support this otherwise resilient community.

To this end, the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) were activated on 9 January 2023 (Ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie and Associated Flooding (AGRN1044)). Further to this activation, I am writing to seek your agreement to cost share an initial tranche of two recovery assistance packages under Category D assistance measures of the DRFA totalling ^{s 47B(a), s 47B(b)} [REDACTED]. They are:

s 47B(a), s 47B(b)



- **Freight Subsidy Program – Category D, \$42 million**

Assistance to mitigate the direct economic and social impacts to Kimberley industries and communities arising from disruptions to the road network as a result of the flooding associated with Ex-TC Ellie. The Program comprises a freight subsidy to mitigate substantial cost increases, thereby supporting regional businesses to maintain long-standing contracts and maintain the viability of logistic routes, preserving the region's ability to recover from the event. The need for this assistance has been identified as an immediate priority. The estimated cost for the program is up to \$42 million. This cost is to be shared equally by the State (\$21 million) and the Commonwealth (\$21 million).

Further to the above assistance packages, standard assistance under Category A and B such as emergency food and clothing, repair and replacement of essential items of furniture and personal effects, employment of a community recovery officer and repair of essential public assets has been activated. These activities will form part of the State's funded assistance to cyclone impacted communities and do not require funding approval from the Commonwealth.

The level of requested support is based on the State's understanding to date of the related impacts; advice from the four local governments and support agencies; other State government agencies; community needs; available data being shared from agencies and organisations on the ground; and experience delivering comparable programs. We anticipate the development of additional packages as the needs are better understood and appropriate responses developed in consultation with community stakeholders.

I understand there will be a further two additional packages, including the Clean-up Program and the Community Recovery Officers Program to support the recovery efforts. The State also foreshadows reconstruction of community housing and infrastructure rebuild to be eligible for DRFA and will work with relevant State agencies to develop these packages.

Should your office require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Melissa Pexton, Deputy Commissioner Strategy and Emergency Management on

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Yours sincerely

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MARK MCGOWAN
PREMIER

Att.

15 FEB 2023

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PRIME MINISTER
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Reference: MC23-010500

20 FEB 2023

The Hon Mark McGowan MLA
Premier of Western Australia
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Premier

Mark,

Thank you for your letter of 15 February 2023 requesting equal cost-sharing of two programs under Category D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) for communities affected by the significant flooding in the Kimberley and surrounds.

My visit to the Kimberley following ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie provided a compelling insight into the challenges that impacted communities now face in recovery. It also reinforced many of the underlying issues that can make Australians living in remote communities, such as Fitzroy Crossing and the surrounding areas, more vulnerable to the impacts of disasters.

The quality and timeliness of this recovery effort is a priority for my Government but it must be more than simply building back to a pre-disaster state. It is also an opportunity for our governments to work together to address long-term, unresolved issues and to deliver outcomes consistent with our shared commitment to the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. I look forward to hearing your thoughts on how we can jointly pursue this objective.

s 47B(a)

I also agree to equally cost-share the Freight Subsidy Program, with an estimated total cost of \$42 million and an estimated Commonwealth contribution of up to \$21 million, recognising the importance of maintaining supply chains for local economic activity and access to essential commodities.

For each of these programs, I agree the estimated total cost includes up to five per cent for extraordinary administrative costs. I ask that your officials work with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) on detailed guidelines for the administration of the programs, reporting requirements, and to ensure the provision of regular monitoring and evaluation data.

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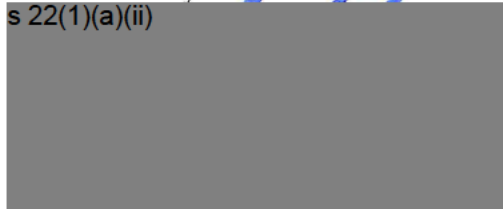
In line with section 5.2.1 of the DRFA, jurisdictions are required to announce eligible measures through a joint media release. I ask that your office works with my office and NEMA to organise a joint announcement of this support.

I note you intend to submit additional requests including for a Clean-up Program and a Community Recovery Officer Program. In the development of future programs, I encourage you to continue considering how we might deliver for the community in a way that helps address the underlying drivers of vulnerability and risk.

I know you will share my expectation that our respective agencies will work together to ensure that community leaders, particularly First Nations leaders, are not only consulted but are also included as active participants in decision-making processes regarding the recovery. I have also asked that Commonwealth agencies provide regular reporting to me on recovery progress. I understand this will contribute to delivering the joint recovery plan NEMA and the WA Government have agreed to develop.

I have copied this letter to the Treasurer, the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP, the Minister for Finance, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, the Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon Linda Burney MP, the Minister for Housing and Minister for Small Business, the Hon Julie Collins MP, and the Minister for Emergency Management, Senator the Hon Murray Watt.

Yours sincerely
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
Premier of Western Australia

Our Ref: 59-363456

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister of Australia
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister 

I thank your Government for its support of the Western Australian Government's recent requests for assistance to Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) to support communities impacted by the Kimberley Floods. I am advised that news of the DRFA funding has been well-received in the region and that flood-affected businesses appreciate the approval of the freight subsidies package, which is providing effective and timely support.

I am writing to seek your agreement to cost-share two new recovery assistance packages under DRFA Category C and D assistance measures, estimated to cost  through AGRN 1044 Ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie and Associated Flooding.

They are:

1. Community and Industry Recovery Officers –

This program will fund, under the leadership of the Shire of Derby West Kimberley, staff and activities at recovery hubs in Fitzroy Crossing and Derby with pop-up hubs/outreach to Bayulu, Kupungarri and Camballin. It will ensure individuals, businesses and communities impacted by the flooding associated with ex-TC Ellie have access to culturally safe, locally-based support and advice.

The package also includes a provision for additional staff to enable the Shire of Derby West Kimberley to meet its obligations in recovery noting the complexities of reconstruction in Fitzroy Crossing and resourcing to support traditional owners and community organisations to engage effectively.

2. Clean-Up Program – s 47B(a) , s 47B(b)

This programme will provide assistance to clean-up public spaces, residences and businesses. It includes a provision for the clean-up, washout, and removal of debris, pump-out of septic tanks and waste management, including a contingency provision for additional landfill and/or containerisation of waste for removal to Derby.

The level of requested support is based on the State's understanding to date of the related impacts, advice from the four local governments and support agencies, other State government agencies, community needs, data from agencies and organisations on the ground and is informed by the State's experience delivering comparable programs. I anticipate that additional packages will be developed as the recovery needs are better understood and appropriate responses are developed in consultation with community stakeholders.

I understand that there are likely to be additional packages, including potential support for small businesses, psychosocial support and support to uninsured home-owners. This is in addition to the community housing and infrastructure rebuild packages previously communicated.

Should your office require any further information, the appropriate contact at the Department of Fire and Emergency Services is Ms Melissa Pexton, Deputy Commissioner Strategy and Emergency Management on (s 47F) or at s 47F .

Yours sincerely

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

Mark McGowan MLA
PREMIER

Att.

*Cc: Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Emergency Services;
Innovation and the Digital Economy; Medical Research; Volunteering*

21 MAR 2023



PRIME MINISTER
The Hon Anthony Albanese MP

Reference: MC23-018332

20 APR 2023

The Hon Mark McGowan MLA
Premier of Western Australia
2 Havelock Street
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Premier

Mark,

Thank you for your letter of 21 March 2023 seeking my agreement to equally cost-share additional support under Category C and D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA), for communities affected by Ex-Tropical Cyclone Ellie.

I agree to equally cost-share on a 50:50 basis an additional **s 47B(a)** of support for Western Australia, with an estimated Commonwealth contribution of up to **s 47B(a)**

I outline below the elements I agree to cost-share through this support.

Community and Industry Recovery Officers: I agree to equally cost-share **s 47B(a)** of support under this program, with a Commonwealth contribution of up to **s 47B(a)**. Recovery in the Kimberley remains a priority for my Government, and I understand the engagement of these officers is a vital step in ensuring vulnerable and isolated communities have access to culturally safe and locally-based support and advice. I ask that this program has a strong focus on ensuring community is consulted and heard on recovery needs.

Clean-up Program: I agree to equally cost-share **s 47B(a)** for this program, with a Commonwealth contribution of up to **s 47B(a)**. I have been advised that a full and accurate assessment of costs is unknown, until the extent of debris and houses requiring demolition is confirmed, including the disruption to road networks. I ask that Western Australian officials continue to work with the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to monitor these developments.

I want to emphasise the importance of regular reporting on the progress of recovery programs being rolled out, particularly those approved under Category D of the DRFA. I ask that the WA Government continues to work closely with NEMA to ensure that there is a high level of public confidence in the timeliness and quality of recovery efforts.


In line with section 5.2.1 of the DRFA, jurisdictions are required to announce eligible measures through a joint media release. As such, I also ask that WA officials work with NEMA to organise a joint announcement of these support programs.

I trust this package will be of further assistance to those impacted by the devastating flooding emergency and thank you for your ongoing work on these critical matters.

I have copied this letter to the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP, Treasurer, Senator the Hon Katy Gallagher, Minister for Finance, the Hon Linda Burney MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians, the Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Housing and Minister for Small Business, the Hon Amanda Rishworth MP, Minister for Social Services, Senator the Hon Murray Watt, Minister for Emergency Management, and Senator Tony Sheldon, the Special Envoy for Disaster Recovery

Yours sincerely

s 22(1)(a)(ii)



ANTHONY ALBANESE

