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PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Hon Anthony Albanese MP  
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Dear Prime Minister *Anthony*

I write to congratulate you on your emphatic election victory over the weekend.

Importantly, thank you for your leadership over the past three years and I look forward to continuing to work with you into the future on our shared ambitions, including Whyalla, AUKUS, strengthening our healthcare system and delivering more homes for Australians.

With your leadership and a record number of Labor MPs representing South Australia in the Federal Parliament, I know the relationship between our two Governments will continue to grow.

As Premier of South Australia, I very much look forward to working with you and your government on seizing opportunities and tackling the challenges that lie ahead.

Once again, my sincere congratulations on your historic victory.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Prime Minister

Congratulations on your swearing in as Prime Minister and the second Albanese Ministry.

I welcome the reform agenda you have outlined for your second term as Prime Minister, particularly your significant commitments to primary care services, including additional investment in women and men's health and continued expansion of the network of Medicare Urgent Care Clinics.

Your partnership in the construction of the new Flinders HealthCARE Centre will make a big difference on the ground in healthcare service delivery.

However, there is still more to be done for our public hospital systems. Earlier this year we signed a one-year national health funding agreement to provide short-term funding certainty for public hospitals while longer term health and disability negotiations are ongoing. I remain committed to reaching a longer-term agreement to implement the critical health and disability reforms we agreed at National Cabinet in December 2023 including the commitment that all states and territories are 'better-off overall'.

In particular, I note the importance of the pathway for the Commonwealth to increase its contributions under the National Health Reform Agreement (NHRA) to 42.5 per cent before 2030 and 45 per cent by 2035. As you know, shared investment in essential public hospital services is needed to keep Australians safe and well into the future.

I similarly look forward to continuing discussions on aged care reform, to ensure we have a system that can provide older Australians with the care they need while enabling public hospitals to continue with core business. It is critical that aged care providers have the capacity to accept all older Australians who are ready for discharge from hospital, to create capacity in our public hospitals and improve patient flow and outcomes.



This will mean the Commonwealth Government working with providers to invest in more aged care beds and grow service capacity so that the aged care system can adequately support older Australians, including those who have complex care needs such as memory support.

I also support your commitment to addressing cost of living pressures, including your pledge to address housing supply and affordability through your Homes for Australia plan. I look forward to continuing to work together on this pressing national issue, which must also include ensuring appropriate enabling infrastructure is in place to support the construction of new homes.

Earlier this year we committed to ensure the long-term future of the Whyalla Steelworks – securing sovereign Australian steelmaking, supporting local jobs and progressing towards a green iron and steel future made in Australia. We must remain focused on delivering on this commitment by or before mid-2026 through a successful sale. As we have discussed previously, while this success will only be achieved thanks to the joint support package we announced, we must remain flexible about the type and volume of support, as the ultimate outcome can only be achieved through commercial negotiations with prospective buyers.

My Government remains committed to working together to unlock the opportunities the Upper Spencer Gulf presents for Australia, including its unique credentials for a reindustrialisation built on clean energy. Specifically, I look forward to advancing our discussions on how we might best enable and progress the Northern Water project, which I am confident represents a transformational opportunity to grow our economy, advance decarbonisation and reduce our reliance on sensitive water sources.

I look forward to our continued collaboration on defence matters, in particular delivery of the AUKUS project. South Australia remains steadfast in our commitment to this national endeavour and I welcome the continued genuine partnership between our Governments. Delivery of the enabling infrastructure that will be required to support the nuclear-powered submarine enterprise will be a critical area of collaboration, with a pathway forward being laid out by the soon to be complete Lefevre Peninsula Masterplan, led by South Australia with support from the Commonwealth Government.

Once again, congratulations on winning a second term and I look forward to continuing to advance our shared priorities to build South Australia's and Australia's future.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Prime Minister

Congratulations on your re-election. I look forward to continuing to work with your government to ensure the Northern Territory can deal with the challenges it faces and prosper into the future. To that end, and with reference to my correspondence of 24 December 2024, I reconfirm the Northern Territory Government stands ready to work with the Commonwealth on the following important issues.

**s 47B(a) , s 33(a)(ii)**

#### Roads

The Stuart, Barkly and Victoria Highways are lifelines for industry, tourism and remote communities and yet their condition holds back development. Strengthening these roads are of strategic importance and will unlock economic opportunities, improve safety and ensure efficient transport of our goods and services across the region.

#### Darwin Port

Given your commitment to return Darwin Port lease into 'Australian hands' the Northern Territory Government, owners of the land, stand ready to work in good faith with Canberra to restore certainty and provide affected workers and businesses with a clear understanding of the future of our Port.



### Gas

The Beetaloo Basin has the potential to significantly contribute to Australia's energy independence and it is hoped that after many delays and false starts we can see this important field enter production this year.

### Middle Arm

We will continue to work with industry and the Australian Government to transform Middle Arm into a sustainable 'development ready' industrial precinct to deliver long-term, community-wide benefits whilst safeguarding the values of Darwin Harbour.

### Migration

We continue to advocate for tailored migration policies for Northern Australia. The recent re-signing of our Designated Area Migration Agreement is welcomed however we believe more needs to be done through migration and international student arrangements to allow a different approach in areas, like the Northern Territory, not suffering the housing problems faced in other parts of the country.

### Taxation

Tax incentives to live and work in the Territory should again be considered as a way to grow our population, retain skilled workers and incentivise investment in Australia's under-developed North, for example boosting the zone tax offset.

### Aviation

Territorians deserve better access to affordable and reliable air travel options. Improving competition and connectivity with major domestic and international hubs will bolster tourism, local businesses and enhance quality of life for Territorians.

### Resilience Initiatives

The Territory faces frequent challenges from natural disasters and extreme weather events. Federal investment in resilience and capacity-building initiatives is crucial to prepare for and mitigate the impact of these events, protecting lives and property.

### Domestic Violence

Tragically the Northern Territory continues to face unacceptably high levels of domestic violence in our community. Whilst acknowledging the many programs and supports provided by the Commonwealth into this space we share calls from the sector for a reassessment of the size of the challenge faced with needs-based funding the model to better tackle this insidious issue.

### Minerals

The Northern Territory is rich in critical minerals essential to Australia's renewable energy transition and global technology supply chains. By facilitating exploration, development and investment, the Territory can play a leading role in securing these vital resources whilst driving economic growth.

### Helping Unlock Our Potential

We continue to advocate that investing in the Northern Territory isn't just about supporting a single region – it's about strengthening the entire nation.

The Territory's untapped potential holds the key to solving some of Australia's most pressing challenges, from energy security and defence to population growth and resource development. Every dollar spent on developing Northern Australia is an investment in a stronger, more secure and more prosperous nation.

We look forward to the opportunity to work together on these important initiatives and the challenges the Northern Territory face as we strive for better outcomes for all in our community.

Yours sincerely

s 22(1)(a)(ii)

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- 5 MAY 2025



**The Hon Chris Minns MP**  
Premier of New South Wales



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**The Hon Anthony Albanese MP**  
Prime Minister of Australia  
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Re: Outcome of 2025 Federal Election

Dear Prime Minister, *AMG*

Congratulations on your re-election.

I appreciate the collaborative leadership you have shown on the big issues confronting our country. From investing together in our children's future through an historic schools agreement, to working with NSW to tackle shared housing, cost of living and energy transition challenges.

Your re-election provides the opportunity to build on this momentum and continue to deliver on our shared priorities. I look forward to partnering with you to deliver lasting national reform.

An immediate priority for NSW will be to restart work on long-term agreements on health and disability. Your commitment to securing the future of Medicare is a big step forward. States and Territories also look forward to securing long-term funding certainty for our hospital systems.

I am also keen to work with you to find a pathway that leads to a strong and sustainable National Disability Insurance Scheme and the delivery of disability foundational supports. I know the Chair of the Council for the Australian Federation will be writing to you on these issues soon.

Housing remains a key priority for NSW, and I look forward to further collaborating with you to increase supply and affordability. I also see our joint work to deliver clean, affordable energy to communities and to boost regional economies, including through a Future Made in Australia, as another area where we can achieve positive progress.

There is so much more we can achieve together. I look forward to working with you and your government to continue to build a better future for NSW and all Australians.

Sincerely, *AM*

**s 22(1)(a)(ii)**

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24 May 2025

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Re: East Coast Severe Weather – Disaster Recovery Funding

Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to request your consideration of funding under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) for the establishment of a Community Recovery Support Fund, to help NSW councils impacted by the recent prolonged heavy rainfall and flooding experienced on the East Coast of NSW.

The NSW Government is coordinating a multi-agency response to the event, which has significantly impacted the Hunter and Mid-North Coast of NSW.

Nineteen NSW Local Government Areas (LGAs) are currently forecast to bear the greatest impact and are the subject to a natural Disaster Declaration. These LGAs are:

- Armidale Regional Council
- Bellingen Shire Council
- Central Coast Council
- Cessnock City Council
- Clarence Valley Council
- Coffs Harbour City Council
- Dungog Shire Council
- Kempsey Shire Council
- Lake Macquarie City Council
- Maitland City Council
- Mid-Coast Council
- Muswellbrook Shire Council
- Nambucca Valley Council
- Newcastle City Council
- Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
- Port Stephens Council
- Singleton Council
- Upper Hunter Shire Council



- Walcha Council

To support Councils in these areas, the NSW Government is proposing establishment of a **s 47C** Community Recovery Support Fund, under Category C of the DRFA. This will allow for allocations of up to \$1 million to affected councils to support immediate recovery activities, with a small contingency to provide additional support to the councils most severely affected.

I am advised that officers from the NSW Reconstruction Authority have provided draft program guidelines and the required application forms to support your consideration and approval.

I look forward to your consideration and ongoing collaboration to support the NSW communities impacted by this event.

Sincerely,

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Ref: D25/3811  
27 May 2025

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Re: Assistance measures for Tropical Cyclone Alfred and NSW East Coast severe weather event AGRN 1212 under Categories C and D of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

Dear Prime Minister,



Thank you for your letter dated 26 May approving the \$19 million Community Recovery Support Fund. This funding will provide time critical assistance to affected councils as they commence the immediate clean-up of their communities and start the process of recovery across the Mid North Coast of NSW.

Recovery across the Hunter and Mid North Coast regions of NSW has commenced and the community needs the combined support of the Commonwealth and State Governments to effectivity recover. Already we have activated the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements in support of the community and I thank the Commonwealth Government for its support.

I am writing to request your consideration for additional funding under Categories C and D of the DRFA to support recovery from severe flooding which impacted the Mid North Coast of NSW. I am also writing to request funding support for DRFA programs in support of recovery from Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred. As you would be aware, some local government areas have been impacted by both events.

**s 47B(a)**



The specific assistance measures proposed are outlined below:

## Ex TC Alfred AGRN 1198

### Category C Measures

#### **Small Business and Not-for-Profit Recovery Grant**

Grants will support small businesses and not-for-profit organisations affected by AGRN 1198, facilitating the clean-up and restoration of their premises and accelerating community recovery.

- Total funding: s 47C over the 2024-25 to 2026-27 financial years
- DRFA eligibility: s 47C
- Administration: Service NSW, via a funding agreement with the NSW Reconstruction Authority.

#### **Primary Producer Recovery Grant**

Grants of up to \$25,000 will be available to eligible primary producers directly impacted by AGRN 1198, particularly those whose viability has been compromised and where production disruptions may extend beyond the current season. This is in line with measures which were activated by the Queensland Government.

- Total funding: s 47C over the 2024-25 to 2026-27 financial years
- DRFA eligibility: s 47C
- Administration: NSW Rural Assistance Authority, via a funding agreement with the NSW Reconstruction Authority.

### Category D Measures

#### **Primary Industries Support Fund – Drainage Reset Program**

s 47C will be available to undertake restoration of drainage assets impacted by TC Alfred. This work will ensure future storm impacts are reduced on these lands.

- Total funding: s 47C over the 2025-25 to 2026-27 financial years
- DRFA eligibility: s 47C
- Administration: NSW Reconstruction Authority.

NSW East Coast Severe Weather event – AGRN 1212Category C Measures**Small Business and Not-for-Profit Recovery Grant**

Grants will provide support for small businesses and not-for-profit organisations affected by AGRN 1212, assisting with clean-up and restoration efforts.

- Total funding: s 47C over the 2024–25 to 2026–27 financial years
- DRFA eligibility: s 47C  
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- DRFA eligibility: s 47C  
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Category D Measures**Rural Landholder Grant**

Grants of up to \$10,000 will assist rural landholders who have experienced direct asset damage from AGRN 1212. This measure targets small-scale agricultural areas suffering widespread impacts, aiming to relieve financial hardship and support economic recovery.

- Total funding: s 47C over the 2024–25 to 2026–27 financial years
- DRFA eligibility: s 47C  
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As detailed in previous correspondence from Senator the Hon Jenny McAllister, the then Minister for Emergency Management, to the Hon Jihad Dib MP, NSW Minister for



Emergency Services, the Commonwealth requires Category C and D programs to be pre-approved by the Commonwealth in writing to be eligible for funding under the DRFA.

In addition, the NSW Government will work with the National Emergency Management Agency to deliver an emergency and temporary accommodation assistance package under Category A of the DRFA as part of the initial response to AGRN 1212.

## s 47B(a)

Moreover, given the assessment of damage is ongoing, it is likely that NSW will need to update cost estimates for these programs. Delaying the provision of support while these damage assessments are finalised is not practical and would result in delays providing NSW communities the urgent support they need. For this reason, I seek your agreement to proceed with the programs based on the best cost estimates currently available outlined in this letter, but request your in-principle support to revisit these estimates if required.

Thank you again, your ongoing support for the people of NSW, and specifically our impacted regional and rural communities, is greatly appreciated.

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## Premier and Minister for Veterans

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Dear Prime Minister

*Anthony*

Thank you for the support provided by the Federal Government to assist Queensland during the preparation, response and recovery from three significant and consecutive disasters which have impacted the state already this year.

Throughout each of these devastating disaster events, and across many years, the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) has provided critical situational awareness and advice to the Queensland Government, local governments and residents, allowing us to plan for each event and take the necessary actions to keep the community safe.

However, during the most recent Western Queensland flooding event, several serious issues have been identified regarding the infrastructure required to support BOM's services in the western parts of the state.

The first issue, raised by many mayors and key stakeholders in the region, is the lack of radar and weather stations in Central and South West Queensland, leaving a critical gap in radar coverage across the region. This lack of coverage made it more difficult for local councils, graziers and townships to prepare for the rain and rapid flooding.

I do appreciate the recent announcement by your government of \$10 million for a weather radar in the region. I ask that you take immediate steps to invest in additional appropriate weather infrastructure for central and western Queensland to ensure timely and accurate weather warnings for the communities in this region. The costs saved in recovery by having communities and industries forewarned of similar future events, reducing the emotional and wellbeing impacts on residents, will be far greater than the cost of the infrastructure.

The second issue raised is the quality and standard of the rainfall and river gauges across the western parts of Queensland. I understand many gauges in this region do not meet current standards (for example, are manual) and have failed to keep communities informed of the level of record flooding and river rises. Relatedly, many gauges appear to have failed during this event leaving downstream communities without the necessary information about flood heights.



It is understood that while BOM has commenced acquiring local flood warning assets through the National Flood Warning Infrastructure Network (FWIN) Program, it has yet to do so in this region. I am advised the FWIN team has consulted with a number of councils about the flood warning sites to be included in the program. I ask that you ensure BOM prioritises work with local governments in this region to ensure they have flood warning infrastructure that meets the needs of these communities during such events, including prioritising upgrades in this region as part of the FWIN program. The Queensland Government will assist in any discussions to enhance flood warning infrastructure in the state.

Again, thank you for considering these important issues.

Yours sincerely

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**PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR VETERANS**



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Dear Prime Minister

I write to express Queensland's strong interest in being considered the host location for the next QUAD Leaders' Summit (the Summit), when it is Australia's turn to chair this important regional dialogue.

Queensland is uniquely positioned to support the strategic objectives of the QUAD partnership. As Australia's gateway to the Indo-Pacific, Queensland shares deep and longstanding ties with our QUAD partners — India, Japan and the United States — across trade, education, defence, and people-to-people exchange. Hosting the next Summit in Queensland would not only symbolise Australia's commitment to regional cooperation and security, but also reinforce the vital role our northern and eastern states play in shaping Indo-Pacific engagement.

Queensland offers world-class venues, international accessibility through major airports in Brisbane, Cairns and the Gold Coast, and proven experience in hosting high-level international events. Queensland also has strong defence infrastructure, research capability and economic synergies with QUAD priorities, particularly in advanced manufacturing, critical minerals, and innovation.

Within the first few months of coming into office, Trade Missions and Official Visits were undertaken by Ministers from the Government to each of our QUAD partners, with the Honourable Ros Bates MP, Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training, visiting Japan in December 2024 and India in February 2025, and the Honourable Dale Last MP, Minister for Natural Resources and Mines, Minister for Manufacturing and Minister for Regional and Rural Development, visiting the United States in February-March 2025. We see great opportunity for our state and country to continue to strengthen these relationships through the hosting of the Summit.

The Queensland Government would welcome the opportunity to collaborate closely with the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and relevant national and state security agencies to assess the feasibility of hosting such a meeting. The Queensland Government stands ready to provide logistical, security, and operational support to ensure the success of the Summit, should it be held in this state.

Thank you for considering this proposal and I would be pleased to discuss it further, at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

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DAVID CRISAFULLI MP  
PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR VETERANS

s 47B(a)





## Premier and Minister for Veterans

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Dear Prime Minister

*Anthony*

Thank you for your Government's strong support of Queensland communities through the jointly funded Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

This relentless severe weather season has seen three successive disaster events impacting communities in the Far North and North, South East and West of Queensland.

I acknowledge your ongoing support to our State, which has included approval to cost share over \$712 million in extraordinary assistance packages across the three events. This critical support has comprised a range of measures, including to help clean up communities and assist small businesses, primary producers and not-for-profits get back on their feet to resume operations.

This funding will also deliver significant investment in crucial road network infrastructure betterment, including for the Bruce Highway, and support to the tourism industry.

Notwithstanding this significant support, as you know, it is critical that there be continued funding of the medium to longer term recovery measures, to assist in remediating the social, natural environment and built environment impacts in the South East and the Western parts of the state.

It is noted that the Queensland Government has not yet received a response to these requests for much needed recovery assistance.

While I appreciate during this period Caretaker Conventions were in place prior to the 2025 Federal Election, I am respectfully writing to you again, seeking your urgent consideration of these outstanding requests for assistance summarised below, noting all were proposed to be cost shared equally:

- 2 May 2025 – Western Flooding – long-term recovery assistance package, totalling **s 47C**. As part of this package, resubmissions for the North and Far North Queensland Tropical Low event were provided for environmental recovery measures and water and sewage recovery measures
- 17 April 2025 – Western Flooding – mid-term recovery assistance package, totalling **s 47C**
- 10 April 2025 – Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred – mid-term recovery assistance package, totalling **s 47C**

- 8 April 2025 – Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred – long-term recovery assistance package, totalling **s 47C**

Through these submissions, I have sought your agreement to co-fund a range of initiatives. This includes packages to support:

- social recovery including community health and wellbeing and mental health initiatives
- environmental recovery through critical remediation works
- economic recovery by supporting our small businesses and tourism operators and primary production industry
- infrastructure recovery and repair including through opportunities to build back better and restore sporting and recreational facilities that are the centre of activity for communities.

I am committed to ensuring that our governments keep the momentum with implementing recovery measures to help get Queenslanders back on their feet and remediate the scars on the natural environment left by these weather events. These programs will be instrumental to improving the resilience of these communities from further disaster events.

I look forward to the opportunity to jointly announce that further support from the Federal and Queensland Governments is on its way. Thank you for your ongoing assistance and consideration of these matters.

Yours sincerely

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The Honourable Anthony Albanese MP  
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CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

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Thank you for your letter of 25 March 2025 regarding your agreement to provide additional extraordinary funding support of \$269.03 million for Category C and D packages under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements for communities impacted by the North and Far North Queensland Tropical Low event.

I appreciate the support provided through this package including your agreement for an initial \$175 million funding package **s 47B(a)** between the Federal and Queensland Governments for the Bruce Highway Flood Resilience Program (the Betterment Program).

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Queensland has demonstrated significant success in the delivery of our Betterment Programs, and shown that investing in resilience yields substantial long-term savings by reducing future reconstruction costs.

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I can confirm that your request for more detailed information and a scope of works for the funding approved for the Bruce Highway and Inland Connection Roads Betterment Programs is underway and will be provided to Senator the Honourable Jenny McAllister, Minister for Emergency Management and Minister for Cities, once completed. I would appreciate your advice if any further information is required from the Queensland Government to progress a second funding package to support the Betterment Program.

Key inland routes are also critical for resupply and connectivity for rural and regional communities in North Queensland. Blockages to these roads have led to a lack of reliable, alternative inland freight routes to North Queensland, causing significant impacts on the ability of freight to deliver fresh produce to isolated communities.

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The Queensland Government is committed to working closely with the Federal Government and the National Emergency Management Agency. I look forward to your response and remain open to further discussions on this matter.

Thank you for your consideration of this further critical support for Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely

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**DAVID CRISAFULLI MP**  
**PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR VETERANS**



## Premier of Western Australia

Our Reference: 60-159853

Hon Anthony Albanese MP  
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Dear Prime Minister

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anthony', written over the printed name 'Prime Minister'.

Congratulations on leading the Australian Labor Party (ALP) to an emphatic re-election. Over the past three years you and your team have had to contend with significant global challenges. Your record of delivery in the face of these challenges, and your positive plan for the future, were recognised and strongly endorsed by Australian voters at the election on May 3rd.

Our respective governments have worked collaboratively for the benefit of Australia and we have achieved much together. I highly value our close working relationship, and I look forward to continuing to work with you to address the challenges and grasp the many opportunities ahead.

The priority areas on which I invite early collaboration between us are:

### Goods and Services Tax

I welcome your commitment to maintain the Goods and Services Tax (GST) reforms that ensure Western Australia receives a fair share of the GST.

As you know, WA is the engine room of the national economy and the GST deal enables the WA Government to continue to invest in the infrastructure we need to drive economic activity, boost productivity and continue to contribute in our outsized way.

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## Health

As a result of having the strongest economy in the nation, WA also has the fastest growing population in the nation, and this creates pressure in areas like health and housing.

To support our vision of making WA the healthiest state in the nation, I applaud the ALP's commitment to putting Health front and centre of the election campaign.

Your commitment to co-fund a major update of the Midland Health Campus will contribute greatly to hospital and Emergency Department capacity in Perth and I look forward to delivering this in partnership with you. Further, your commitment to increasing bulk-billed doctor visits, investment in Medicare Urgent Care Clinics and Medicare Mental Health Centres, will go a long way to ensuring Western Australians have better access to the health services they need, when they need them, and alleviate current pressures in public hospitals.

WA remains committed to resolving the 5-year National Health Reform Agreement, in line with the parameters National Cabinet agreed upon in December 2023, as soon as possible and I acknowledge the commitment of Ministers and officials to date. Realising the commitment to achieve a 45% National Commonwealth Contribution Rate by 2035, and the capacity to appropriately fund innovative health care, like virtual care, will allow WA to more sustainably deliver the health care West Australians expect and deserve.

Similarly, the parameters for co-funded Foundational Supports, tied to NHRA negotiations, are yet to be agreed, despite the Commonwealth progressing legislative and operational changes to the NDIS, with children in particular no longer being eligible for the scheme without WA having implemented a Foundational Supports service model or progressing to a full scheme agreement.

Resolving the negotiations in health and disability, and ensuring jurisdictions are better off overall as a result, remain a priority for WA. Furthermore, I look forward to the finalisation of negotiations for our DisabilityCare Australia fund payment and transitioning to the full scheme agreement for the NDIS.



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## **Housing**

As I conveyed during the campaign, we welcome your commitment to my government's vision of ensuring every Western Australian has a home.

In WA, we are pulling every lever we have to address this issue with a record \$5.1 billion investment in housing and homelessness measures since 2021. We welcome the ALP's increased support for first homebuyers. It will be important for the Commonwealth to work with states and territories on the design of these initiatives to ensure we are targeting the right cohorts, they complement existing State-based programs and can be delivered effectively in partnership with the WA housing and development industry. Housing in regional WA is a particular priority for my government, I would encourage the Commonwealth Government to increase direct grants to boost regional housing where we have limited Community Housing providers. While this is important right around the State, I draw your attention to the importance of ensuring our regional centres of Karratha and Port Hedland have the housing they need to support the workforce requirements for the immense economic development opportunities currently in front of them, which include major renewables, gas and minerals processing projects, including green iron.

## **Environmental Approvals and Legislative Reform**

WA supports reforms that will deliver improved environmental outcomes that are better for business. Streamlining environmental approvals will be a key enabler in supporting your Building a Future Made in Australia agenda and to enable the green energy projects required to position Australia as a renewable energy powerhouse. I welcome your commitment during the campaign to go back to the drawing board on environmental reforms, ensuring that there is extensive consultation with the WA Government and industry stakeholders on any new model for environmental law reform.

Gas is critical to meeting the energy needs of WA and supporting renewables in our clean energy transition, which includes exiting coal ahead of any other Australian state. Gas is also crucial to helping our trading partners to decarbonise, both directly and in helping WA process minerals like lithium, which are critical to the manufacturing of renewables and battery storage.

As you are aware, the Federal Government has previously delayed a decision on environmental approval for the North West Shelf Project Extension. It is important that a decision on this project is made promptly and without any further delay.



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### **Strong and Diversified Economy**

I look forward to working with you to ensure WA continues to be the economic engine room of the nation. Your Building a Future Made in Australia agenda is strongly aligned with our Made in WA priorities - together our governments can collaborate to help diversify our economy and make more things here.

Underpinning our future economic growth is our joint commitment to deliver clean, reliable and affordable energy. Decarbonising Western Australian industry will be key to the nation's ongoing economic prosperity. I look forward to continued Commonwealth cooperation and investment in the infrastructure needed to support this transition, including supporting carbon capture and storage.

WA is well-positioned to support the Australian Government to deliver on its AUKUS responsibilities in line with its commitments under the Defence Cooperation Agreement. s 47B(a)



### **Skills and Jobs**

Having a skilled workforce will underpin everything we do. I strongly welcome your government's continued commitment to Fee-Free TAFE. While our governments are doing everything we can to ensure Australians have the opportunity to gain the skills they need, it is clear that WA will continue to face ongoing pressures on our skilled workforce. WA has the lowest unemployment rate and highest labour force participation rate of every state in the nation. Skilled migration will continue to play an important role in ensuring WA has the workforce it needs. I encourage your government to consult with the WA Government and industry on further opportunities to expand skilled migration into WA.

International education is an important part of the national economy. International students also play an important role in ensuring our tertiary education system is world class and delivering the research that is essential to our nation's future prosperity.

I am concerned about the negative impacts of the Commonwealth Government's migration reforms on WA's international education sector and economy. I understand that a number of international education providers in the State, particularly VET and English language providers, will have to scale back operations or cease business as a result

I urge the Commonwealth Government to consider WA's particular circumstances when developing the 2026 New Overseas Student Commencement as opposed to relying solely on historical data. Despite significant investment to support the international education sector recover from the impacts of COVID-19, WA's international student enrolment share remains notably lower than its general population share, unlike some other jurisdictions.

### **Funding for Remote Communities**

The former Liberal-National Commonwealth Government vacated its historic and moral obligations to remote Aboriginal communities in 2018. While your government has made important commitments to support remote communities in the Northern Territory, issues impacting remote communities in WA have not been addressed.

WA has already made significant progress on improving the standard of power and water services, however, on housing and municipal services there is more work to be done. Improving outcomes for Aboriginal communities requires a collective effort from all levels of government and is critical if we are to achieve our targets in Closing the Gap. I seek your support for the Commonwealth Government to take an active role in partnering with the WA Government to address challenges in these communities.

### **Early Childhood Education and Care**

I commend your government for establishing a universal early education system that includes expanding services to areas of need and the establishment of the 3 Day Guarantee to replace the Activity Test.

My government has committed \$33.9 million to commence a nation-leading rollout of free fulltime kindergarten for children in their year before fulltime school and the establishment of the Office of Early Childhood. We have also committed \$15 million to significantly increase the availability of out-of-school-hours care at WA public schools.

In WA, some of the benefits of the additional hours of subsidised early childhood education provided by the Commonwealth will not be realised as kindergarten is offered in public school settings.

The National Preschool Reform Agreement will provide an opportunity for the Commonwealth to recognise WA's commitment to school-based pre-school and provide a fair funding allocation.

### **Infrastructure**

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing and productive collaboration between our governments to deliver on critical infrastructure priorities, including the continued rollout of our flagship METRONET program of public transport investments and the delivery of major road upgrades across Perth and regional WA. Your commitments to continue supporting the next stage of key infrastructure projects in WA, such as Westport, the return of the Western Australian Freight Rail network to government



hands, the expansion of the ferry network and key road upgrades, will help to provide certainty to industry and the community about the future of our transport sector.

My government remains focused on delivering our major infrastructure projects and will continue to advocate strongly for our population share of national infrastructure funding.

### **Sport and Recreation**

The Western Australian government is actively involved in creating and enhancing sporting infrastructure across the State. My government has recently committed over \$330 million across sporting and recreation projects, notwithstanding the \$217 million to further redevelop Perth's Burswood Peninsula into a world class sport and entertainment precinct. Federal partnerships remain critical for many of these projects. I would welcome further discussion on how our governments can work together, particularly on the Binar Aboriginal Sporting Hub, Malaga Sports Precinct as well as the Dorrien Gardens redevelopment.

### **Delivering Election Commitments**

I welcome the many election commitments you and team have made that will benefit WA. I also acknowledge the joint commitments the WA Government made with the ALP which we will now work with you to deliver.

- \$355 million to upgrade St John of God Midland Public Hospital - the Commonwealth will contribute \$200 million to this project.
- \$700 million to upgrade the Kwinana Freeway - the Commonwealth will contribute \$350 million to this project.
- \$450 million to upgrade the Reid Highway-Erindale Road intersection - the Commonwealth will contribute \$225 million to this project.
- \$60 million to expand the Swan River Ferry network.
- \$2.5 million to support the Australian Rail Track Corporation to work with the Western Australian Government to support bring WA's freight rail network back into public hands.

There are a number of other priorities and election commitments of interest to the WA Government. My respective Cabinet Ministers will engage with their Commonwealth counterparts to discuss further.

I look forward to continuing to work with you and your Ministers. There is also always an open invitation for your Cabinet to meet again in WA in 2025.

Yours sincerely

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ROGER COOK MLA  
PREMIER



## Premier of Western Australia

Our Reference: 60-161985

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Dear Prime Minister

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anthony', written over the text 'Dear Prime Minister'.

I write to you to raise the importance of the planned Defence Precinct in Henderson for Western Australia and to work in partnership with you to progress this project of national importance urgently.

As you and I jointly announced on 16 October 2024, the Henderson Defence Precinct is a critical step in delivering continuous naval shipbuilding and our AUKUS commitments, including submarine and ship maintenance. This will deliver the largest economic diversification in Western Australia's history.

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My Government stands ready to support the Albanese Government to deliver Defence capabilities in Western Australia that contribute to Australia's security and the safety of Australians.

Yours sincerely

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ROGER COOK MLA  
PREMIER

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**Andrew Barr MLA**  
Chief Minister  
Minister for Economic Development  
Minister for Tourism and Trade

Member for Kurrajong

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

Dear Prime Minister 

Congratulations on your resounding re-election and the beginning of a second term in government. The strong support shown across the country provides a solid foundation for partnership on a range of priorities that will deliver meaningful reform, drive a strong economy, and deliver a better future for more Australians.

I welcome your commitments to address cost of living pressures, to deliver more housing and help first home buyers to enter the market, and to reduce the barriers to household solar and batteries.

At the Territory level, I particularly appreciate the ongoing commitment to infrastructure in the ACT, including recent announcements for a partnership on design and delivery of the new Canberra Convention and Entertainment Centre, construction of a new aquatic centre in Commonwealth Park, the next stage of the Garden City Cycleway, a new community path between Hall and Gold Creek, upgrades to the National Hockey Centre, Margaret Timpson Park and Chisholm Oval. I also note the commitment to significant National Broadband Network (NBN) upgrades to deliver improved service to 97,000 homes and businesses across Canberra by December 2030. These commitments will deliver significant benefits to the Territory and support our local economy.

Your strong election commitments to primary health care are most welcome and I expect they will assist in relieving hospital system pressures. However, the ACT is facing unprecedented demands in our public health system, which is placing pressure on the Territory Budget. It is a priority that we continue collaborative efforts to finalise hospital funding negotiations that will concurrently ensure high quality services and fiscal sustainability. The higher cost of delivering hospital services in small jurisdictions needs to be recognised and addressed in these negotiations, as well as the need to rebase activity levels in the ACT to incorporate previously uncounted activity.



I also acknowledge the specific healthcare plan for the ACT, including delivering three new fully bulked billed GP practices, securing the future of the Interchange Health Co-Op in Tuggeranong and funding to deliver more aged care respite beds in the ACT. The ACT Minister for Health has already been in contact with the Federal Health Minister to advise that the ACT Government has secured a two-year extension to the Burrangiri Aged Care Respite Centre to enable the Commonwealth to deliver on its commitment of at least 15 dedicated residential respite beds by 1 July 2027.

The tertiary education sector is one of the ACT's largest employment bases outside of the public sector and is our largest export industry. As an important sector for our economy, it is imperative that we work together to support a sustainable future for our universities. I am working closely with the new vice chancellor of the University of Canberra on partnership opportunities. As ANU is established under Commonwealth legislation, I want to work with you to restore ANU's status as the premier national university. UNSW is about to begin construction on a new \$1 billion city campus which further expands the Group of Eight university presence in Canberra, and bring up to 6000 students once it is finished.

With such a strong university presence, international students are critical to the sustainability of the sector. The ACT is uniquely placed given we have a surplus of student accommodation and is a welcoming city. I want to work with the Australian Government to collectively market Canberra as an attractive destination for international students.

I am keen to work closely with your government to ensure the ACT can deliver its share of the 100,000 new homes committed to during the election. As a city-state the ACT Government is uniquely positioned to expedite approvals and harness opportunities that will maximise outcomes for our suburbs and precincts. I seek your support to ensure the design of this and other Commonwealth programs do not inadvertently disadvantage the ACT due to criteria that does not accommodate the ACT's dual role as both a state government and a local government.

I look forward to meeting over the coming months to continue our collaborative relationship in your new term of government and to identifying and securing federal investment for our nation's capital.

Congratulations again on your re-election.

Yours sincerely

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Andrew Barr MLA  
Chief Minister

14 May 2025