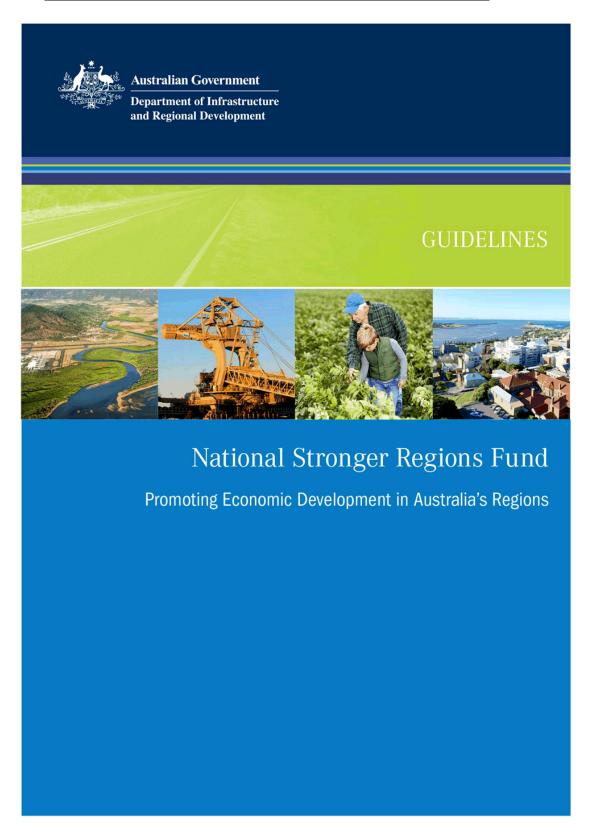
Project Ref	Applicant Organisation	Project Name	Project Description	Project Location	State	Commonwealth Funding Approved	Total Project Cost	
NSRF000011	Greater Bendigo City Council	Upgrade of Bendigo Airport	The project will construct a new runway to suit aircraft capable of carrying up to 70 passengers, as well as upgrading lighting, taxiways and associated infrastructure at the Bendigo Airport.	Bendigo	VIC	\$5,000,000		
NSRF000048	RF000048 Hume City Council Construction of Craigleburn Water Park The project involves the construction of a Water Park in Craigleburn, including a 50 metre flexible water space, slides a water play, gym, warm water pool, steam and spa within the Craigleburn Regional Aquatic and Leisure Centre. The project involves the construction of a Synthetic athletics track and new pavilion and other recreational facilities within the Ope Space and Events Area.		Craigieburn	VIC	\$9,091,825	\$32,500,000		
NSRF000082	Devonport City Council	Construction of Stage 1 Living City Project at Devonport	The Living City project will construct a new retail, business/service and waterfront precinct focused on highlighting the Regions tourism, arts, food and services. Stage 1 includes a convention centre and multi-use community building, a food/beverage hub and market square and a two storey car park.	Devonport	TAS	\$9,999,000	\$54,720,000	
NSRF000062	Brimbank City Council	Construction of the Western Business and Education Hub in Sunshine	The project with construct a Business and Education Hub providing meeting rooms, teleconference facilities, seminar spaces and a 350 seat auditorium and conference space.	Sunshine	VIC	\$2,500,000	\$6,000,000	
NSRF000164	Help Enterprises	Construction of a new Logistics Centre in Acacia Ridge	The construction of the HELP Supply Chain Services Logistics Centre at Acacia Ridge will provide 95 jobs, the majority for people with a disability.	Acacia Ridge	QLD	\$2,475,000	\$4,950,000	
NSRF000189	Wellington Shire Council	Redevelopment of the Port of Sale Civic Centre	The project is the redevelopment of the Port of Sale Civic Centre into a cultural hub, incorporating a regional art gallery, public library and visitor information centre.	Sale	VIC	\$4,500,000	\$12,500,000	
NSRF000194	Mitchell Shire Council	Seymour Flood Mitigation Project	The Seymour Flood Mitigation Project comprises a 4.3 kilometre levee bank with associated drainage infrastructure to protect the town of Seymour from up to a 1-in-100 year flood from the Goulburn River.	Seymour	VIC	\$2,850,000	\$7,300,000	
NSRF000214	Northern Grampians Shire Council	In Shire Construction of an Underground Physics Laboratory in Stawell Construction of an Underground Physics alaboratory and associated outreach facilities. Stage One includes construction of the Stawell Underground Physics laboratory (SUPL). Once stage one is operational, opportunities will be harnessed to extend the size and scope of the SUPL and build outreach facilities to host edu-tourism opportunities and educational services.				\$1,750,000	\$3,500,000	
NSRF000216	Alpine Shire Construction of an Alpine Events Centre in Bright Brig		Bright	VIC	\$1,870,000	\$3,740,000		
NSRF000295	Parkes Shire Council			Parkes	NSW	\$8,725,000	\$17,450,000	
NSRF000310	Baptcare Ltd	Norlane Community Centre	The project will redevelop a disused school site into the Norlane Community Project. The project will incorporate affordable housing units, a new aged care facility, including consulting suites for Allied Health and General Practitioner services, a cafe and a gym. The project will also include a community hub and landscaped outdoor meeting and play areas to facilitate and encourage community interaction.	Norlane	VIC	\$7,250,000	\$40,512,000	
NSRF000344	Coorong District Council	Construction of access and service connections for the SA Motorsport Park	The project is the construction of essential access and service connections to prepare a site for the establishment of SA Motorsport Park at Tailem Bend and includes roadworks, internal access roads and internal services, site reticulation including water and gas supply, power supply, communications connections, storm water and site detention dams and wastewater services.	Tailem Bend	SA	\$7,500,000	\$27,480,000	
NSRF000031	Town of Gawler Development of the Central Business District Hub in Gawler The project will redevelop the Gawler Town Hall and adjacent Gawler Institute to become a central Hub. The Hub will include a Regional Digital Business Hub, the Regional Gawler Heritage Collection Gallery, a multi-purpose function venue an Aboriginal Café, a Regional Smart Library and a storehouse for employment and training opportunities for the Work for		The project will redevelop the Gawler Town Hall and adjacent Gawler Institute to become a central Hub. The Hub will include a Regional Digital Business Hub, the Regional Gawler Heritage Collection Gallery, a multi-purpose function venue, an Aboriginal Café, a Regional Smart Library and a storehouse for employment and training opportunities for the Work for the Dole program.	Gawler	SA	\$5,600,000	\$12,600,000	
NSRF000085	Charters Towers Regional Council	Upgrade to water infrastructure for Charter Towers	The project will upgrade the water infrastructure to provide greater access and a more dependable supply including inter- connection pipeline, refurbishment works on two reservoirs, installation of chlorine boosters and upgrades to the Water Treatment Plant.	Charters Towers	QLD	\$8,690,500	\$17,381,000	
NSRF000149	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	Construction of a Multi-Purpose Health Hub for Belgrave	truction of a Multi-Purpose Health Hub Construction of a Multi-Purpose Health Hub in Belgrave, Victoria. The facility will provide a one stop health hub for the		VIC	\$3,835,000	\$8,670,000	
NSRF000219	City of Albany	Construction of the Albany Visitors Centre	The project will deliver an iconic building that will house a new tourist information hub and showcase for regional produce, involving the co-location of the Albany Visitors Centre and Public Library.	Albany	WA	\$997,500	\$1,995,000	
NSRF000238	Horsham Rural City Council	The Grampians Peaks Trail Project	The project will construct a 144km, multi-day walking trail across the length of the Grampians National Park. The project will showcase the beauty and majesty of the Park's natural and cultural landscapes, the Grampians Peak Trail will be one of the great iconic walks of Australia with an estimated visitation of 23,000 people per annum by 2020.	Dunkeld	VIC	\$10,000,000	\$27,000,000	
NSRF000254	Abbotsford Convent Foundation	Restoration of the Sacred Heart Building and Abbotsford Convent in Abbotsford	The project will restore the Sacred Heart building at the Abbotsford Convent.	Abbotsford	VIC	\$2,681,625	\$5,363,250	

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NSRF000262	Mareeba Shire Council	Upgrade of Wastewater Treatment Plant in Mareeba	The project will upgrade the wastewater treatment plant in Mareeba to increase its capacity and to meet environmental regulatory standards.	Mareeba	QLD	\$6,000,000	\$15,052,760
NSRF000298	CareWest Incorporated	Redevelopment of CareWest Community Connection Centre in Orange.	tion of a multipurpose community centre incorporating co-located health and social services for disadvantaged iduals in the region.		NSW	\$747,000	\$1,495,000
NSRF000442	Dubbo City Council	Upgrade of Cattle Sale Facilities at the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets	The project will upgrade and expand the cattle sale facilities at the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets.	Dubbo	NSW	\$3,290,875	\$6,581,750
NSRF000017	Karmai Community Children's Centre Inc	Construction of an Integrated Children's Centre at Korumburra	The project will construct an integrated children's centre to provide childcare, kindergarten and after school care services.	Korumburra	VIC	\$1,600,000	\$5,345,000
NSRF000104	Midcoast County Council	Nabiac Inland Dune Aquifer Supply System Project	The project will complete the Nabiac Inland Dune Aquifer Supply System including upgrade of the Nabiac Water Treatment Plant, the Darawank Reservoir pump station and electrical and telecommunications services linking the components to the existing Manning District Water Supply Scheme.	Nabiac	NSW	\$9,600,000	\$19,200,000
NSRF000148	City of Greater Dandenong	Development of Tatterson Park Sport and Community Hub in Keysborough	A multi-purpose sporting hub will be developed at Tatterson Park to comprise existing infrastructure plus a new Sporting and Community Pavilion and synthetic playing pitch to cater for the growing needs of the south east region of Victoria.	Keysborough	VIC	\$4,865,150	\$9,730,300
NSRF000283	Wingecarribee Shire Council	Moss Vale Enterprise Corridor	The project will upgrade and realign Berrima Road (MR 372), the only B-double, High Mass Limit approved road linking Moss Vale with the Hume Highway. The project will eliminate the existing rail level crossing and replace it with a rail overbridge, and replace the existing T-junction intersection at Berrima Road and Taylor Avenue wilh a B-triple capacity roundabout. The project addresses transport and logistical access, capacity, productivity and safety issues represented by the current level rail crossing and T-junction intersection.	Berrima	NSW	\$4,602,596	\$9,205,193
NSRF000410	Dorset Council	Construction of the North-East Rail Trail from Launceston to Scottsdale	The project will construct a 70km multi-use trail along the disused rail corridor from Launceston to Scottsdale.	Lilydale	TAS	\$1,470,000	\$2,942,000
NSRF000190	Shire of Mt Marshall	Redevelopment of the Multipurpose Complex in Bencubbin	Development of the Bencubbin Multipurpose Complex to create a multifunctional sporting and community space in the Wheatbelt region that will support regional sporting events, workshops, functions and commercial activities.	Bencubbin	WA	\$990,000	\$2,760,000
NSRF000430	Maroondah City Council	Construct a Centre for Regional Knowledge and Innovation at Ringwood	The project involves the construction of a new library, learning and cultural centre in the new Ringwood Town Square precinct.	Ringwood	VIC	\$3,000,000	\$7,700,000
NSRF000003	Casey City Council	Construction of a Regional Arts Centre at Narre Warren	The project will construct a Regional Arts Centre, including a theatre, studio space, function centre and regional art gallery.	Narre Warren	VIC	\$10,000,000	\$55,000,000
NSRF000026	Goulburn Mulwaree Council	Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Plant in Goulburn	The project is Stage 1 construction of a new state of the art, 33,000 equivalent persons wastewater treatment plant including a pump station and rising main to distribute reuse water for irrigation and industry, irrigation infrastructure for reuse water at the racecourse and sporting fields, a discharge point to Wollondilly River and overhead standpipes for access to reuse water.	Goulburn	NSW	\$10,000,000	\$40,000,000
NSRF000106	Mount Isa City Council	Upgrade of Stage 2A Sewer Augmentation at Mount isa	The project will upgrade the Waste Water Reclamation Plant to improve the quality of the treated effluent to meet the current licence conditions as well as 'Class A' standard required for human health protection.	Mount Isa	QLD	\$2,515,000	\$5,030,000
NSRF000171	Wodonga City Council	Upgrade Wodonga City Heart Infrastructure Project	The City Heart Infrastructure Project delivers key public infrastructure for the Wodonga Central Business Area Revitalisation Project, with the construction of public open spaces at Richardson Park and the Promenade, and key connections through the reconstruction of High and South Streets and extension of Hawdook Street.	Wodonga	VIC	\$10,000,000	\$20,764,660
NSRF000244	Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale	Construction and fit-out of commercial kitchen in Byford		Byford	WA	\$245,000	\$683,100
NSRF000278	Pathfinders Ltd	Upgrade of Youth Accommodation and Support Centre at Armidale and Glen Innes	The project will upgrade two buildings, one in Armidale and one in Glen Innes, into youth accommodation and support facilities.	Armidale	NSW	\$500,000	\$1,058,500
NSRF000394	Cardinia Shire Council	Construction of a Community Hub at Emerald	The project will upgrade and extend the existing two-storey Mechanics Hall to include a new commercial kitchen, space and facilities for University of the Third Age (U3A) and the Men's Shed, new fover/entry, art display space and local tourism information on the ground floor. The first floor will provide space for 3MDR Community Radio and a versatile meeting space.	Emerald	VIC	\$1,500,000	\$5,697,259
NSRF000422	Gosford City Council	Infrastructure upgrade of the Somersby Industrial Park	Infrastructure upgrade of the Somersby Industrial Park, including construction of new road works, stormwater, sewer and water mains infrastructure.	Somersby	NSW	\$10,000,000	\$28,726,200
NSRF000061	City of Darwin	Construction of Stage 1 of the Parap Leisure and Sports Centre	The Parap Leisure and Sports Centre will provide a modern, integrated aquatic and sporting facility. Stage 1 will include the construction of a 50 metre FINA standard pool and a 25 metre multipurpose pool.	Parap	NT	\$4,483,000	\$8,966,000
NSRF000117	Shire of Moyne	Port Fairy Waterfront Development Project	The project will redevelop the waterfront to provide a vibrant new asset featuring a dedicated space to showcase and sell local and regional produce, a waterfront restaurant, an al fresco area with fresh local seafood and produce outlet.	Port Fairy	VIC	\$1,425,000	\$2,850,000
NSRF000154	Corowa Shire Council	Upgrade of the Mulwala Industrial Estate Development	The Mulwala Industrial Estate Development project will upgrade existing infrastructure and extend an industrial estate to enable new business expansion and diversification whilst rectifying major drainage issues.	Mulwala	NSW	\$655,676	\$2,033,740

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NSRF000163	Yass Valley Council	Construction of a Water Pipeline in	The project will construct a 17.5 kilometre, 250mm diameter water supply pipeline from Yass to Murrumbateman. The	Murrumbateman	NSW	\$6,100,000	\$12,200,000	
		Murrumbateman	pipeline will provide Murrumbateman with a safe, secure drinking water supply and allow the growth of residential and					
			commercial development.					
NSRF000186	Naracoorte Lucindale	Construction of a Lucindale Road Roundabout	The proposal will create a B-Double heavy vehicle compliant roundabout on Lucindale Road in a strategic location that	Naracoorte	SA	\$635,000	\$1,270,000	
	Council	in Naracoorte	services a minimum of four adjoining sites, each of which presents multiple subdivision and development opportunities.					
NSRF000196	Tasmanian Association of	Redevelopment of the Launceston PCYC Youth	Redevelopment of the Launceston Police and Citizens Youth Club Child Care space into a youth-specific, multi-purpose area	Newstead	TAS	\$69,956	\$139,913	
	Police and Citizen Youth	Facility in Newstead	enabling the development of new programs to assist highly 'at risk' youth. The building is to be named the Youth			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
	Clubs		Operations Centre (YOC) and will be the organisational and service hub for youth.					
NSRF000209	Nambucca Shire Council	Construction of Sewerage Infrastructure in		Nambucca	NSW	\$241,340	\$482,680	
		South Nambucca	system which will create opportunities for residential and commercial development along the Nambucca River, as well as					
			enable the continued operation of two tourism accommodation sites.					
NSRF000239	City of Belmont	Belmont Business Park Transport	The project will upgrade transport infrastructure in and around the Belmont Business Park. The project will help resolve	Belmont	WA	\$6,032,485	\$12,064,970	
		Infrastructure	traffic problems, allow for more sustainable public transport and create a more aesthetically pleasing and functional main					
			thoroughfare.					
NSRF000285	Burke Shire Council	Construction of a Pontoon Wharf in	This project will construct a 24 metre long pontoon accessed from the Albert River bank via a marine-grade aluminium	Burketown	QLD	\$160,000	\$480,000	
		Burketown	gangway.					
NSRF000296	City of Playford	Playford Central Business District	Construction of 12 mixed-use allotments within the Playford Central Business District, all of which will be suitable for	Elizabeth	SA	\$2,752,500	\$5,505,000	
		Infrastructure	commercial, retail or residential development The project will also upgrade the streetscape and function of Playford					
			Boulevard to improve pedestrian and traffic flows and to provide an attractive space for community activities.					
NSRF000304	Gympie Regional Council	Construction of the Gympie Aquatic Centre	The new aquatic centre will include a 50 metre outdoor regional competition pool, 25 metre heated indoor program pool,	Gympie	QLD	\$5,000,000	\$20,000,000	
			250 square metre zero depth leisure pool, dual water slides, car park, pool management office space, first aid					
			roomkiosk/cafe and associated amenities.					
NSRF000385	The Flagstaff Group	Expansion of Commercial Laundry	This project is the expansion of a commercial laundry servicing growth in the aged care industry while providing additional	Unanderra	NSW	\$857,575	\$1,715,150	
			employment and training opportunities for people with disabilities.					
NSRF000450	Indigo Shire Council	Upgrade of Recreational Reserve Facilities at	The project will upgrade facilities at the Wahgunyah Recreation Reserve including upgrading and expansion of the football	Wahgunyah	VIC	\$200,000	\$770,000	
		Wahgunyah	and netball home and away clubrooms, treasurer and trainer rooms, septic, toilet and shower facilities, new community					
			meeting rooms, a multi-purpose community function centre, car park and entry road.					
NSRF000487	Shire of Northam	Construction of an Aboriginal and	Construction of an Aboriginal and Environmental Interpretation Centre in Northam including an interactive, educational	Northam	WA	\$2,100,000	\$4,200,000	
		Environmental Interpretation Centre in	space to recognise the rich Aboriginal and Environmental presence in the area.					
		Northam						
NSRF000034	Ronald McDonald House	Construction of Ronald McDonald House in	Construction of a new Ronald McDonald House in South Brisbane with 112 accommodation rooms, communal spaces	South Brisbane	QLD	\$5,300,000	\$34,000,000	
	South East Queensland Inc	South Brisbane	including a kitchen, laundry, dining area, lounge and games room. The facility will also include outdoor recreation and play					
			areas and on site parking.					
						\$212,253,603	\$642,010,425	



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The Australian Government is committed to building stronger regions. We understand the proud history of Australia's regions and their importance to our future economic prosperity. To strengthen communities and drive new growth in our regions, the Australian Government is inviting applications to the National Stronger Regions Fund.

The Fund will invest \$1 billion over five years and support investment in the priority economic and infrastructure areas - from freight and transport projects to convention centres and major multipurpose sports facilities. These investments will also have a major focus on strengthening economies in Australia's regions by improving the productivity, employment, and workforce skills of Australians.

The Government's investment will enhance the economic growth, activity and output of our regions and sustain these gains into the future. The Fund will have a particular focus on assisting disadvantaged regions to achieve growth.

The Fund will invest in crucial infrastructure projects that will be conceived by local communities and this approach will help Australia's regions invest in their own future.

As well as providing direct investment in major projects that deliver economic and social benefits, the Fund will have flow on benefits of improving the capacity of organisations to deliver projects. To best deliver critical infrastructure, the Fund will encourage the formation of strong partnerships that engage project proponents with the private sector, and local, state and territory governments.

Projects seeking funding will be considered in consultation with the Government's National Infrastructure Committee, which has a strong interest in, and commitment to, harnessing the potential of Australia's regions.

The Guidelines for the National Stronger Regions Fund provide the information you need about the type of project proposals we are seeking, how proposals will be assessed, critical dates, and how you contact our Department to assist you with further information.

We welcome your interest in the National Stronger Regions Fund, and wish you all the best with your proposal.

The Hon Warren Truss MP

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development The Hon Jamie Briggs MP Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development

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Grant Programme Process Flowchart

GUIDELINES PUBLISHED

Grant Programme Guidelines for the National Stronger Regions Fund are published. Applicants are invited to submit an application.



SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

The Applicant completes and submits an application.



APPRAISAL

The Department appraises applications against the eligibility and assessment criteria of the Programme.



ADVICE TO GOVERNMENT

The Department provides advice to the Ministerial Panel on the merits of each eligible application relative to these Guidelines and other eligible applications, and whether funding the project would be a proper use of grant funding.



DECISION

The Ministerial Panel will make decisions on projects in consultation with the National Infrastructure Committee of Cabinet.



NOTIFICATION

Applicants are notified of the outcome of their application.



CONTRACT

A grant agreement is negotiated and executed between the Applicant receiving grant funding and the Department.



DELIVERY

The Grant Recipient delivers the project in accordance with the requirements of the grant agreement.

The Department makes

payments in accordance with the requirements of the grant agreement.

EVALUATION

The Grant Recipient provides information in accordance with the requirements of the grant agreement to assist with evaluation.

The Department evaluates how the programme achieves its policy objectives.

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1. Introduction

Overview 1.1.

The National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF) is a new programme to promote economic development in Australia's regions. The Government is providing \$1 billion over five years, commencing in 2015-16, to fund priority infrastructure in local communities.

The NSRF is a competitive programme, with decisions on projects to be funded based on, amongst other things, information provided in the application and supporting documents.

Applications for grant funding will be appraised against the eligibility and assessment criteria of the NSRF programme and whether funding the project would be a proper use of grant funding. Decisions on projects to be funded will be taken by a Ministerial Panel in consultation with the Government's National Infrastructure Committee of Cabinet.

These Grant Programme Guidelines (the Guidelines) apply to all projects seeking funding from the NSRF. The Guidelines outline the objectives and desired outcomes of the NSRF, eligibility and assessment requirements, the application and appraisal process, roles and responsibilities, and funding arrangements.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to read these Guidelines in conjunction with the Frequently Asked Questions and the Guide to Lodging an Online Application Form, which are all available on the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development website at http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/nsrf.

Programme objective and outcomes

The objective of the NSRF is to fund investment ready projects which support economic growth and sustainability of regions across Australia, particularly disadvantaged regions, by supporting investment in priority infrastructure.

The desired outcomes of the programme are:

- improved level of economic activity in regions;
- increased productivity in the regions;
- increased employment and a more skilled workforce in regions;
- increased capacity and improved capability of regions to deliver major projects, and to secure and manage investment funding;
- improved partnerships between local, state and territory governments, the private sector and community groups; and
- more stable and viable communities, where people choose to live.

Not all projects will be able to contribute to each desired outcome, however collectively the projects will meet the NSRF objectives and desired outcomes.

¹ Proper' is defined in the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 as meaning 'efficient, effective, economical

Roles and responsibilities

The Process Flowchart outlines the roles and responsibilities of each party.

The NSRF is administered by the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development (the Department).

The Ministerial Panel considers the Department's advice, information provided by the Applicant, independent advice on projects, and consults with the National Infrastructure Committee of Cabinet before making decisions on projects to be funded. The Ministerial Panel comprises:

- · the Hon Warren Truss MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development;
- the Hon Jamie Briggs MP, Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development; and
- the Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister.

For the purposes of these Guidelines, the Applicant means the organisation that submits the application and will be the organisation which enters into the grant agreement if grant funding is approved. On entering into the grant agreement, this organisation will be referred to as the Grant Recipient.

2. **Key Dates**

Key Dates	
NSRF Announced	1 October 2014
NSRF Guidelines Published	1 October 2014
Round One Applications Open	1 October 2014
Round One Applications Close	28 November 2014
Round One Application Assessment Completed	31 March 2015
Announcements of Round One Projects to be Funded	May 2015
Round Two Applications Open	1 May 2015
Round Two Applications Close	31 July 2015
Round Two Application Assessment Completed	31 October 2015
Announcements of Round Two Projects to be Funded	December 2015

Decisions on further Rounds will be determined by Government subject to the outcomes of Rounds One and Two. All key dates will be published on the Department's website.

3. **How to Apply**

Application process

Applications for the NSRF can be submitted at any time between the opening and closing dates for each Round. Applications must be received by 5.00pm local time on 28 November 2014 for Round One and 31 July 2015 for Round Two (note local time refers to the Applicant's local time)

Late applications will not be accepted, unless the Department considers there were exceptional circumstances beyond the Applicant's control. The Department's decision will be final.

Only completed applications submitted by an authorised member of the organisation will be accepted and appraised. Incomplete applications will be deemed as ineligible.

Applicants may withdraw an application at any time, with written advice of the withdrawal to be provided to the Department via email to nsrf@infrastructure.gov.au.

Application requirements

Applications must provide all of the information required in the application form, including the mandatory documents listed in Section 4.1. Documents should also be provided to support the case made against the assessment criteria, although these are not mandatory.

Claims against the assessment criteria should be supported by evidence.

How to submit an application 3.3.

Applications must be submitted via the online application form, which is accessed from the Department's Grant Management System (GMS) Portal at http://gms.infrastructure.gov.au/UI. Supporting documents are uploaded with the application, however each supporting document must not exceed 15 megabytes in size and must not exceed 45 characters in length for the file name. Separate arrangements for lodgement may be made in exceptional circumstances. Further information on lodging an application is available in the GMS Portal User Guide at www.infrastructure.gov.au/nsrf2.

3.4. Appraisal process

Applications will be appraised against the eligibility and assessment criteria by the Department. The appraisal will be based on information provided in the application form, supporting documentation and advice from other parties. Following advice from the Department on the individual and relative merits of eligible applications, the Ministerial Panel will make decisions on projects to be funded in consultation with the National Infrastructure Committee of Cabinet.

Support in identifying projects 3.5.

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committees may assist Applicants to identify infrastructure projects, particularly projects which contribute to long term economic growth and have been identified as priorities.

Committees may approach eligible organisations about developing an application for an infrastructure project or play a facilitation role by bringing key parties together, including those who may provide a financial contribution to the project. Committees may work with Applicants to prepare applications, supporting documents and evidence.

RDA committees will not be involved in the appraisal or prioritisation of projects.

² Requests for separate lodgement arrangements should be submitted in writing to nsrf@infrastructure.gov.au.

4. **Eligibility**

Applicants must satisfy all of the eligibility requirements.

Applications that do not satisfy all of the eligibility requirements will be deemed as ineligible. Ineligible applications will not be appraised against the assessment criteria or provided to the Ministerial Panel for consideration.

4.1. Documents to be provided to support eligibility

A number of documents must be provided to confirm that the application meets the eligibility requirements and to support the assessment of viability and sustainability. Applications which do not include all of the required documents will be deemed as ineligible.

Applicants seeking a grant of \$1 million or less will provide fewer and less detailed supporting documents. This reduces the compliance burden associated with small projects, whilst ensuring that the Department has sufficient information to conduct robust appraisals. The size and content of documents should be commensurate with the size, scope and nature of the project.

Mandatory Documents For Grant Requests of \$1 million or Less	Mandatory Documents For Grant Requests of More than \$1 million
Evidence of Incorporation (not-for-profit organisations only)	Evidence of Incorporation (not-for-profit organisations only)
Evidence to confirm capacity to deliver the project (not-for-profit organisations only)	Evidence to confirm capacity to deliver the project (not-for-profit organisations only)
Project Management Plan or a similar document	Project Management Plan
Business Case or a similar document	Business Case
Risk Management Plan or other document which includes any significant risks associated with the project and mitigation strategies	Risk Management Plan
Procurement Management Plan or other document which describes arrangements to procure major items	Procurement Management Plan
Written confirmation of all partner funding (cash) ³ . If partner funding is conditional on the provision of the funding grant, Applicants must provide a letter of intent from a senior member of the organisation providing funding	Written confirmation of all partner funding (cash) ³ . If partner funding is conditional on the provision of the funding grant, Applicants must provide a letter of intent from a senior member of the organisation providing funding
Written confirmation of all in-kind contributions	Written confirmation of all in-kind contributions
Evidence that the asset will be maintained in a viable and operational state for one year for projects with funding of less than \$250,000 and three years for projects with funding from \$250,000 to \$1 million	Evidence that the asset will be maintained in a viable and operational state for at least five years
Audited Financial Statements for two of the three most recent consecutive years	Audited Financial Statements for two of the three most recent consecutive years
	Evidence to confirm the Applicant's experience in delivering projects of similar size and scope Asset Maintenance or Asset Management Plan

³ The certification in the application form is appropriate confirmation, where the Applicant is the only funding partner.

Who is eligible to apply for funding?

An eligible Applicant for funding must be:

- a legal entity with an Australian Business Number (ABN) or an Australian Company Number (ACN); and
- an organisation that is one of the following:
 - o a Local Government body including the ACT Government, either in its own right or on behalf of a consortium; or
 - a not-for-profit organisation, either in its own right or on behalf of a consortium, that is not owned by a state or territory government.

Eligible local government bodies are defined in Attachment A. A consortium must be supported by appropriate legal arrangements, and must be led by a local government body or eligible notfor-profit organisation. A consortium may include ineligible organisations.

Who is ineligible to apply for funding?

The following organisations are not eligible for funding:

- NSW, VIC, QLD, WA, SA, TAS and NT governments;
- state and territory government-owned corporations, for example organisations that deliver services to communities that would normally be expected of a council and/or organisations that operate on a commercial basis and deliver services which support the day-to-day operation of the community;
- state and territory government-owned not-for-profit organisations;
- universities, technical colleges, schools and hospitals, and other organisations which are primarily supported by other Australian Government programmes or initiatives;
- Regional Development Australia committees; and
- all for-profit organisations.

What is eligible for funding?

NSRF funding will be provided for capital projects which involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade, extension or enhancement of existing infrastructure. Examples of projects which may be considered for funding are at Attachment B.

What is not eligible for funding?

The NSRF will not fund infrastructure projects which:

- do not deliver sustainable economic benefits, including job creation;
- are eligible for funding under the National Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements;
- shift costs from state, territory or local governments to the Commonwealth; and/or
- are integral elements of hospitals, as they are funded by other Government initiatives.

Grant funding from the NSRF cannot be used for the following:

- expenditure incurred prior to the announcement that the project has been successful in its application for NSRF funding;
- provision of services and support activities;
- soft infrastructure, including computer software or hardware that is not an integral part of the funded capital project;

- payment of salaries for new or existing staff or contractors; or
- administrative overhead items, including office equipment, vehicles or mobile capital equipment, for example trucks and earthmoving equipment.

Additional eligibility requirements

Applications must comply with all of the following requirements to be considered for grant funding:

- the Applicant must seek a grant of at least \$20,000 and up to a maximum of \$10 million;
- the Applicant must match the NSRF grant in cash on at least a dollar for dollar basis;
- the NSRF funded component of the project must be completed on or before 31 December 2019:
- the project must deliver an economic benefit to the region beyond the period of construction⁴; and
- the Applicant must submit a completed application, including the mandatory documents listed at Section 4.1.

Cash partner funding can be provided by any organisation including, but not limited to, the Applicant, local government, state or territory government, not-for-profit organisations and private sector companies.

An NSRF grant can be one component of a larger package of Australian Government funding. Grants from other Australian Government initiatives cannot be included as part of the Applicant's matching funding. Total funding for the project from the Australian Government cannot exceed 50 per cent of the total project cost.

5. **Assessment Criteria**

Each application that meets the eligibility criteria will be appraised against the assessment criteria. Applicants are strongly advised to present a strong case against each assessment criteria, with all claims supported by evidence. Each application must meet a minimum benchmark against each of the criteria to be recommended for funding to the Ministerial Panel.

Applications will be appraised against each of the following assessment criteria:

- Assessment Criterion 1: The extent to which the project contributes to economic growth in the region;
- Assessment Criterion 2: The extent to which the project supports or addresses disadvantage in the region;
- Assessment Criterion 3: The extent to which the project increases investment and builds partnerships in the region; and
- Assessment Criterion 4: The extent to which the project and proponent are viable and sustainable.

Consistent with the policy intent of the NSRF and given that all projects must deliver an economic benefit, Assessment Criterion 1 will be given an increased weighting in the appraisal process. Assessment Criterion 1 will be weighted at 50 per cent of the total assessment criteria. Remaining criteria will be weighted equally.

⁴ The nature, scope and quantity of economic benefit is appraised as part of the assessment criteria.

Assessment Criterion 1: The extent to which the project contributes to economic growth in the region

The Applicant should demonstrate how the project contributes to economic growth in the region.

Economic benefit relates to those benefits generated by new or improved infrastructure, and can be described in terms of the ability to generate additional income through more efficient use of resources and improved trade opportunities. Economic benefits can include, but are not limited to:

- more efficient use of resources;
- increases to productivity or capacity;
- the creation of direct and indirect employment, beyond the construction phase of the
- increases to output, exports and import replacement, or market share;
- increases in industry and economic competiveness, including by reducing costs;
- more efficient supply chains, including through more efficient transport networks;
- diversification of the industrial base and local businesses:
- increases to capability to access funding and deliver a project of a significant size and
- use of local and nationally produced goods and services, where it is appropriate and cost effective; and
- the extent to which the project halts a mooted or foreseen decline in a region, or otherwise stems a decline in employment, operating businesses, output or population.

Economic growth also delivers social and community benefits. Applicants may describe how their project enhances the public good in the medium⁵ and long⁶ term. These benefits should be quantified and supported by evidence.

A Cost-Benefit Analysis supporting the Applicant's case will be highly regarded, particularly for projects seeking grant funding of more than \$1 million.

Assessment Criterion 2: The extent to which the project supports or addresses disadvantage in a region

Projects should support disadvantaged regions or areas of disadvantage within the region. Applicants should demonstrate that both their region (or part thereof) is disadvantaged and the project will address this disadvantage. There must be a direct relationship between the project seeking funding and the identified region or area of disadvantage. Evidence to demonstrate both the relationship and benefits of the project is encouraged.

To demonstrate disadvantage, Applicants may wish to consider using some or all the following indicators:

- the Socio-Economic Index for Areas (SEIFA Index), which is published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics;
- unemployment data, average income and average weekly earnings, number of welfare recipients and single income families;
- population change, including significant population increases and decreases;

Medium term is considered to be five to ten years following completion of the project. ⁶ Long term is considered to be ten to twenty years following completion of the project.

- age of the population, percentage of the population from a non-English speaking background, percentage of the population from Indigenous or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds;
- impact of restructuring or structural change, impact of climate change;
- distance from and ease of access to major service, trade and employment centres;
- price of housing and rents, availability of housing; or
- education standards and skill levels of the population.

5.3. Assessment Criterion 3: The extent to which the project increases investment and builds partnerships in the region

Partner contributions ensure that the benefits of the Australian Government's funds are increased. Applicants should seek to attract contributions which are additional to the required 50 per cent matching funding. Both cash and in-kind contributions will be considered against this criterion.

The extent and nature of partnerships, including those of a non-financial nature, formed to develop and deliver the project will be considered under this criterion. Sustainable economic growth is underpinned by partnerships with and between governments, industry, representative organisations, the community, the education and training sector, the not-for-profit sector and philanthropic organisations. Partnerships can ensure proper planning, and support increases to the capacity and capability of the region to deliver major projects.

Assessment Criterion 4: The extent to which the project and Applicant are viable and sustainable

All eligible projects will be appraised for the viability of the Applicant and viability and sustainability of the project. The appraisal will consider all of the following:

- the Applicant's financial position, which determines whether the Applicant has sufficient funds to meet its obligations, fund any cost overruns and maintain the project in the medium term;
- the quality of supporting documents which gives confidence that the project will be delivered on time, on budget and to the required standard;
- whether all appropriate planning, construction, zoning, environmental and/or native title approvals are in place or will be in place within six months of execution of the funding agreement, to help confirm that the project will commence and be completed on time and according to the agreed scope;
- whether the project is investment ready, that is will be able to commence within 12 months of signing the funding agreement;
- the Applicant's history in managing grant funding (if any), which provides confidence that the grant will be expended according to the grant agreement; and
- risks associated with project delivery and ongoing management.

6. **Decisions**

Advice from external parties 6.1.

The Department may request advice on applications from state and territory governments, other Australian Government agencies, independent experts and other external parties.

Advice will be requested on, but not limited to, the history of the Applicant in delivering projects, viability of the project and Applicant, the extent to which the project aligns with or delivers priorities in state and territory plans, confirmation of funding contributions and impact of the project on the region.

Value for money 6.2.

Value for money is achieved when the processes, actions and behaviours employed by the Australian Government and Grant Recipients result in public resources⁷ being used in an efficient, effective, economical and ethical manner.

The NSRF seeks to promote value with relevant money by selecting for funding, those projects that:

- have met all of the published eligibility requirements;
- have demonstrated the greatest relative merit in terms of the published assessment
- involve a reasonable (rather than excessive) cost having regard to the quality and quantity of deliverables that are proposed; and
- have a risk profile that is acceptable to the Australian Government, with any identified risks able to be efficiently and effectively managed.

Value for money will also be considered on an ongoing basis during and after the delivery of the project, including by ensuring that Australian Government funding is expended and acquitted in accordance with contracted requirements and all other conditions of funding are met, and through monitoring and evaluating the extent to which a funded project achieves its objectives and contributes to the outcomes of the NSRF.

Decisions on projects to be funded

Following an appraisal of the application, the Department provides advice to the Ministerial Panel on the individual and relative merits of each application and whether, based on its analysis, funding the project would be a proper use of public resources. Copies of each application, supporting documents, outcomes of the Department's appraisal and any other information which the Department considers relevant will also be provided.

The Ministerial Panel will consider the advice of the Department and supporting information, and make decisions on projects to be funded in consultation with the National Infrastructure Committee of Cabinet.

In addition to the application, supporting material and outcomes of the Department's appraisal, the Ministerial Panel and the National Infrastructure Committee may take other factors into account when making decisions on projects to be funded, including:

- · the broader regional reach of the project;
- other similar existing or planned infrastructure in the region to ensure that there is genuine demand and/or no duplication of facilities or services;
- other infrastructure or planned infrastructure projects in the region, and the extent to which the proposed project supports or builds on those projects and the services that they offer; and

⁷ Public resources is defined in the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act* 2013 as 'relevant money, relevant property, or appropriations'

the Australian Government's priorities.

The Ministerial Panel may require additional conditions and management strategies be attached to the grant funding based on its own knowledge, the outcomes of the assessment and the risk analysis. It may also offer a different amount of grant funding to that requested by the Applicant.

6.4. Advice to the Applicant

Applicants will be advised in writing of the funding decision. The Department will offer feedback to all Applicants on request.

Letters to successful Applicants will detail any specific conditions attached to the funding. Funding approvals will be announced by the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development, the Assistant Minister for Infrastructure and Regional Development or a representative of the Ministers. Funding approvals will also be listed on the Department's website.

7. Conditions of Funding

7.1. **Contractual arrangements**

Applicants that have been selected to receive grant funding will be required to enter into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth of Australia, represented by the Department. The grant agreement states the obligations of the Grant Recipient and of the Department. Grant Recipients are advised to be aware of the obligations and requirements set out in the grant agreement, and should seek legal advice where needed. A template of the grant agreement is available on the Department's website at www.infrastructure.gov.au/nsrf.

The grant agreement will set out:

- any specific conditions attached to the funding approval as a result of the appraisal process or further considerations by the Ministerial Panel. These will be identified in the offer of funding or during agreement negotiations;
- arrangements to report on the progress of the project and acquit the expenditure of funding;
- branding and recognition requirements; and
- arrangements to manage the delivery of the project, including reporting requirements and site visits conducted by the Department or representatives of the Department.

The Grant Recipient should not make financial commitments for funded activities based on the approval of funding or public announcements. Financial commitments entered into before a grant agreement has been executed with the Department are done so at the risk of the Grant Recipient.

Compliance with the Building Code 2013 and Australian Government **Building and Construction OHS Accreditation Scheme**

Project funding specifically relating to building and construction activity, as defined in the Building Code 20138, as amended from time to time, must comply with the Building Code 2013 subject to any threshold requirements. Construction activity must be undertaken by an accredited builder as specified under the Australian Government Building and Construction OHS Accreditation Scheme⁹.

7.3. Evaluation

A Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy forms part of the Department's programme delivery arrangements, and will assess the extent to which the NSRF is achieving its policy objectives and provide valuable input to the development of future programmes.

Questions in the application form, as well as requests for data in the negotiation of the grant agreement, the delivery of milestones and following completion of the project will form key inputs to the evaluation. Applicants are required to provide information, as requested, to support the collection of baseline data and inform the evaluation of the NSRF.

8. Payment of Funding

8.1. **Payment arrangements**

Payments will be made on achievement of agreed milestones. Before any payment can be made, Grant Recipients will be required to provide:

- a tax invoice for the amount of the payment; and
- evidence of meeting the requirements for payment, as stipulated in the grant agreement.

GST and tax implications

It is recommended that Grant Recipients seek guidance about the implications in receiving NSRF funding from a tax advisor or the Australian Taxation Office at www.ato.gov.au prior to submitting an application.

In accordance with the terms of Australian Taxation Office ruling GSTR 2012/2, payments made by a government related entity to another government related entity do not attract GST. Payments to other entities may attract GST.

9. **Probity**

The Australian Government is committed to ensuring that the process for providing funding from the NSRF is transparent and in accordance with published Guidelines. The Guidelines may be varied from time-to-time by the Australian Government, as needed or to reflect its priorities. Amended Guidelines will be published on the Department's website.

⁸ The Building Code 2013 can be found at http://www.fwbc.gov.au/building-code

⁹ The Australian Government Building and Construction OHS Accreditation Scheme can be found at

9.1. **Conflict of interest**

A conflict of interest may exist if, for example, the Applicant or any of its personnel:

- has a relationship (whether professional, commercial or personal) with a party who is able to influence the application appraisal process, such as a Department staff member;
- has a relationship with, or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict the Applicant in carrying out the proposed activities fairly and independently; or
- has a relationship with, or interest in, an organisation from which they will receive personal gain as a result of the granting of funding under the NSRF.

Each Applicant will be required to declare, as part of its application, existing conflicts of interest or confirm that, to the best of its knowledge, there is no conflict of interest that would impact on or prevent it from entering into a grant agreement with the Commonwealth of Australia (as represented by the Department).

Where an Applicant subsequently identifies an actual, apparent, or potential conflict of interest in relation to the application for funding, the Applicant must inform the Department in writing immediately.

Department employees will manage any conflict of interest in accordance with the Department's Accountable Authority Instruction for probity.

Further information on conflicts of interest is included in the grant agreement.

9.2. Confidential information

Information submitted by the Applicant may be provided to other organisations for the purposes of eligibility and project proposal appraisal.

Applicants should identify any information submitted which they wish to be considered as confidential, supported by reasons for the request. The Australian Government reserves the right to accept or refuse a request to treat information as confidential.

The Privacy Act 1988 applies to the handling of personal information about individuals obtained in the course of the delivery of the NSRF.

Grant Recipients must not act or engage in any practice which, if done or engaged in by the Commonwealth, would be a breach of an Information Privacy Principle contained at Section 14 of the Privacy Act 1988.

10. Contact Details

Questions about the NSRF, including the eligibility criteria and the application process can be emailed to nsrf@infrastructure.gov.au. Questions should be clear and concise. Questions that are directly relevant to the NSRF will be added to a Frequently Asked Questions document and placed on the Department's website.

To ensure equity and fairness in the assessment process, the Department cannot respond to questions on the eligibility of individual Applicants or projects.

Any enquires relating funding decisions or complaints should be directed to:

General Manager Regional Programmes Branch Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development GPO Box 594 CANBERRA ACT 2601

E: nsrf@infrastructure.gov.au

11. Attachments

A: Eligible Local Government Bodies

B: Overview of Projects which Applicants may Consider Requesting Funding

Eligible Local Government Bodies

Local Government

A local governing body is defined by the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995 (Cwlth) as either:

- a) a local governing body established by or under a law of a State, other than a body whose sole or principal function is to provide a particular service, such as the supply of electricity or water ('State' in the Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995 (Cwlth) includes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory); or
- b) a body declared by the Minister, on the advice of the relevant State Minister, by notice published in the Gazette, to be a local governing body for the purposes of this Act.

In addition, for the purposes of the NSRF, the following organisations will be considered local governing bodies:

- Five Indigenous local governing bodies in South Australia (Anangu Pitjantjatjara, Maralinga, Gerard, Nepabunna and Yalata);
- The Outback Communities Authority, formerly the Outback Areas Community Development Trust, in South Australia;
- · The Trust Account in the Northern Territory;
- The Silverton and Tibooburra villages in New South Wales;
- · Cocos (Keeling) Islands Shire Council;
- The Shire of Christmas Island;
- Norfolk Island Administration; and
- Lord Howe Island governed by New South Wales.

Attachment B

Overview of Projects which may be Considered for Funding

Grant funding of between \$20,000 and \$10 million (GST exclusive) will be provided for infrastructure projects which provide economic benefit and have an identifiable and sustainable impact on a region. Projects must be capital in nature and could involve the construction of new infrastructure, or the upgrade, extension or enhancement of existing infrastructure.

Projects may involve a number of elements, however these element should be cohesive, related to each other and meet the objectives of the programme.

Projects seeking funding from the NSRF could, for example:

- improve or upgrade transport networks to support connectivity and freight movement, such as transport hubs, intermodal services, airports, or upgrades to wharves or cargo loading facilities which cannot be funded by the market;
- enhance the efficient movement of freight, support an industrial estate or strengthen supply chains;
- increase access to water and waste services, support improved water management or enhance irrigation services (routine upgrades and repairs will not be funded);
- extend or enhance services to regions, for example deliver gas pipelines to new industrial estates, upgrade water pipes to support irrigation and industrial growth, or more efficiently manage waste water;
- convention centres and community or performance centres which deliver economic benefits or support increases in tourism; or
- construct large flagship or signature multi-purpose sporting facilities which generate significant long term economic and social benefits and/or support leadership in local communities, for example a state-of-the-art facility which will act as the state hub and will host national, state and elite events on a regular and ongoing basis
 - upgrades to or the expansion of local sporting facilities or the construction of sporting facilities which are otherwise available in the state or territory are unlikely to be supported; or
 - facilities which support a single sport or which can be funded by state and national bodies are unlikely to be supported.

Applicants should note that these are examples only and projects supporting these activities will not be given priority in the appraisal process. Applicants should identify and seek funding for those projects which are priorities in their region.



Full Estimate Summary

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Trd	Trade Description	Trade	Cost/m2	Sub Total	Mark	Trade
No.		%			Up %	Total
1 P	PRELIMINARIES	10.06		191,090		191,090
2 S	SITE PREPARATION	0.98		18,550		18,550
3 S	SUBSTRUCTURE	4.00		75,948		75,948
4 U	JPPER FLOORS	4.70		89,266		89,266
5 S	TRUCTURAL STEEL	0.26		5,012		5,012
6 S	TAIRS & BALUSTRADES	1.74		33,040		33,040
7 R	ROOF	3.23		61,300		61,300
8 E	EXTERNAL WALLS	10.95		208,018		208,018
	WINDOWS AND EXTERNAL DOORS	3.63		68,880		68,880
-0	NTERNAL WALLS	3.00		56,932		56,932
11 D	DOORS	1.83		34,760		34,760
12 F	FLOOR FINISHES	1.24		23,519		23,519
13 C	CEILING FINISHES	0.77		14,586		14,586
14 J	OINERY	1.63		31,000		31,000
15 V	WET AREAS	1.04		19,731		19,731
16 S	SERVICES	12.27		233,050		233,050
17 P	PAINTING	1.46		27,780		27,780
18 B	BUILDERS MARGIN @ 10%	6.28		119,246		119,247
19 S	SUBTOTAL FOR TOWER					<u>1,311,709</u>
20 P	PUBLIC TOILETS	4.77		90,703		90,703
	PUBLIC TOILETS DEMOLITION	0.58		11,000		11,000
22 P	PUBLIC TOILETS ROOF	1.66		31,543		31,543
D	EXISTING TOWER DEMOLITION	1.74		33,000		33,000
	CIVIL WORKS	8.65		164,344		164,344
	ENVIRONMENTAL ITEMS	0.51		9,680		9,680
26 C	CONTINGENCY	13.04		247,797		247,797
27 C	COST PLAN NOTES					
		100.00		1,899,775		1,899,776

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