



To: Minister Colbeck

Subject: Request to provide additional funding for one project under the Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream (FFWSS) Program

Critical date: N/A

Recommendation/s:			
<p>1. Approve (subject to the agreement of the Prime Minister) an increase in funding under the FFWSS Program to the Conondale Sports and Recreation Club for the Conondale Pool Upgrade Project from \$170,000 (GST incl.) to \$182,980 (GST incl.).</p> <p>2. Sign the letter to the Prime Minister seeking his agreement to use unallocated funding as proposed (Attachment A).</p>	<p>1. Approved/Not approved/Please discuss</p> <p>2. Signed/Not signed/Please discuss</p>		
Alternatively:			
<p>3. Sign the letter to Mr Andrew Wallace MP, Federal Member for Fisher, advising no additional funding is available at this time (Attachment B).</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>3. Signed/Not signed/Please discuss</p>		
Signature		Date: / /	
Media Release required? YES/NO			
Comments:			
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Key Issues:

1. The FFWSS Program was announced in the 2019–20 Budget with funding of \$150 million over four years. The Australian Government allocated funding for 41 projects with a total value of \$131.70 million as part of the 2019 election commitments, resulting in \$18.3 million of unallocated funding. On 7 May 2020, you advised the Department to re-profile the unallocated funding, with you and the Prime Minister, the Hon Scott Morrison MP, to determine the process for distribution (MS20-00445).
2. The Prime Minister delegated responsibility for the ongoing management of Sports Grants to you (MS19-002071), which gives you the authority to identify and make decisions in respect of eligible grant projects. However, the Prime Minister has requested his Office be consulted before you agree to the use of unallocated funding (MC19-075361).
3. The Conondale Sport and Recreation Club has requested, through the Office of Mr Andrew Wallace MP, an additional \$12,980 (GST incl.) for removable pool stairs to address an accessibility for older people issue that has emerged during the Conondale Pool upgrade. This is consistent with the original project to upgrade the pool. There are two options:
 - a. Agree to the use of the unallocated funding to approve the additional \$12,980 (GST incl.). The Department has prepared a letter for your consideration seeking the Prime Minister's agreement (**Attachment A**); or
 - b. Advise Mr Andrew Wallace MP there is no funding currently available to allow for the requested increase. If this option is chosen, the Department has prepared a letter to Mr Andrew Wallace MP for your signature (**Attachment B**). The letter also suggests other options that the constituent could pursue including through the Queensland government.

If you agree to option A and receive agreement from the Prime Minister, departmental officials will approve the commitment of funds and enter into a Deed of Variation with Conondale Sport and Recreation Club.

4. In accordance with section 71 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act), in order to approve proposed expenditure for a grant you must be satisfied (after making reasonable inquiries) that the expenditure is a proper use of relevant money. Further information, including your Ministerial obligations under the PGPA Act and the Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines 2017 (CGRCs), is provided in **Attachment C**.

Background:

The Funding Agreement with Conondale Sport and Recreation Club for \$170,000 to deliver the Conondale Pool Upgrade Project was executed on 18 February 2020 under the FFWSS program. The activity completion date is December 2020.

On 7 July 2020, the Office of Mr Andrew Wallace MP, Federal Member for Fisher, wrote to your Office (**Attachment D**) seeking a further \$12,980 (GST incl.) to install removable stairs in the pool to increase accessibility for older people or alternatively to direct him towards any other relevant programs.

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Relevance to Election Commitments / Budget Measures:

The FFWSS Program was announced as a 2019–20 Budget measure. The project was a 2019 election commitment.

Sensitivities:

Current media attention around sports related grants – particularly infrastructure.

Consultations:

Health Grants Network Division.

Attachments:

- A. Letter to the Prime Minister seeking approval of unallocated funds.
- B. Letter to Mr Andrew Wallace MP advising of no current funding available.
- C. Mandatory Grant Rules and Guidelines and Other Requirements.
- D. Email correspondence from the Office of Mr Andrew Wallace MP.

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Has Budget Branch been consulted if there are financial implications? Not Applicable	

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SENATOR THE HON RICHARD COLBECK

Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians

Minister for Youth and Sport

Ref No: MS20-000803

The Hon. Scott Morrison MP
Prime Minister
PO Box 6022
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to seek your agreement to the use of unallocated funding within the Female Facilities and Water Safety Stream (FFWSS) Program to fund an additional activity for the Conondale Pool Upgrade Project.

The FFWSS Program was announced in the 2019–20 Budget with \$150 million over four years. The Australian Government allocated funding for 41 projects with a total value of \$131.7 million as part of its 2019 election commitments, resulting in \$18.3 million of unallocated funding.

Under the FFWSS Program the Government has entered into a funding agreement with the Conondale Sport and Recreation Club for \$170,000 (GST incl.) to deliver the Conondale Pool Upgrade Project. The activity completion date is December 2020. On 7 May 2020, the Office of Mr Andrew Wallace MP, Federal Member for Fisher, wrote to my Office seeking a further \$12,980 (GST incl.) to be used for an additional activity that is linked to the initial project, accessibility stairs for older adults. This is consistent with the original project to upgrade the pool and the club has identified accessibility for older adults as an implication of the upgrades.

On 4 December 2019, you delegated me the responsibility to deliver this program and requested that your Office be consulted before agreeing to new projects or using unallocated funds. I therefore seek your agreement to re-allocate \$12,980 (GST incl.) of the unallocated \$18.3 million in the FFWSS budget towards the Conondale Sport and Recreation Club Pool Upgrade.

Yours sincerely

Richard Colbeck

Minister **Richard Colbeck**

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Minister for Aged Care and Senior Australians

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Mr Andrew Wallace MP
Member for Fisher
PO Box 1224
BUDDINA QLD 4575

Dear Mr Wallace

Thank you for the correspondence from your Office of 7 July 2020 seeking further funding opportunities for the Conondale Pool Upgrade Project.

I recognise removable stairs are a cost effective means to increase the accessibility of the pool and would help to improve the health and wellbeing for older adults in the area.

Unfortunately at this time there is no funding available in the Female Facility and Water Safety Stream Program.

You may wish to direct your constituent to Queensland Government initiatives, which include the Active Restart Infrastructure Recovery Fund. Further information is available at: www.covid19.qld.gov.au/government-actions/roadmap-to-easing-queenslands-restrictions/sport/funding-grants.

I encourage your constituent to keep up to date with any future programs delivered by the Department of Health online at: www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs.

Your constituent may also be interested to explore other grant opportunities offered by the Australian Government. These can be viewed online at Grant Connect at: www.grants.gov.au.

The Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) also provides funding opportunities that may be of interest. The ASF provides assistance to not-for-profit, incorporated and other eligible organisations, such as sporting clubs, local councils, schools and community groups to raise funds for sport-related projects that aim to increase opportunities for Australians to participate in sport. Further information can be found on the ASF website at: www.asf.org.au or by telephone on (02) 5112 0990.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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