

# Application GRIEOI000255

## Application Summary

**Application ID**  
GRIEOI000255

**Application Title**  
GRIEOI - SHIRE OF STRATHBOGIE

**Program Name**  
Growing Regions Program - Round 1

**Applicant**  
SHIRE OF STRATHBOGIE

**Submitted Date**  
2/08/2023

## Program selection

### SHIRE OF STRATHBOGIE

**Are you a trustee on behalf of a trust?**  
No

**Do you have an ABN?**  
Yes

### Entity details

**ABN**  
50882781013

**Legal name**  
SHIRE OF STRATHBOGIE

**Business name**  
Strathbogie Shire Council

**Date of registration**  
1/07/2000

**GST Registered**  
Yes

**Are you a charity registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)?**  
No

**Are you a not-for-profit?**  
No

### Program Selection

**Program**  
Growing Regions Program - Round 1

**Program Element**  
Growing Regions Program - Round 1 EOI

## Eligibility

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Select which entity type you are.

Local Government/an Australian local government agency or body as defined in section 14 of the guidelines

Select which category your entity falls under.

a local government agency or body

What type of registration do you have?

ABN

Which co-funding group do you align to (as per section 3.1 of the guidelines)?

Group 1

Will you deliver the project in an eligible location?

Yes

Will you commence the project no later than 15 May 2024?

Yes

Do you own the land/infrastructure being upgraded or built upon, or have the landowner's permission to use the land/infrastructure?

Yes

Can you provide recent quotes for major expenditure?

Yes

Can you provide all other relevant evidence as required in section 4.2 of the guidelines?

Yes

## Applicant address

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Applicant street address

Is the address located in Australia?

Yes

Address Details

109A Binney St  
EUROA VIC 3666  
Australia

Applicant postal address

Is the address located in Australia?

Yes

Address Details

109A Binney St  
EUROA VIC 3666  
Australia

## About your organisation

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We collect the following data from all applicants. We use this data to better understand your organisation and to help us develop better policies and programs.

### Indigenous organisations

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Is your organisation Indigenous owned?

An organisation is considered Indigenous owned where at least 51% of the organisation's members or proprietors are Indigenous.  
No

Is your organisation Indigenous controlled?

An organisation is considered Indigenous controlled where at least 51% of the organisation's board or management committee is Indigenous.  
No

## Project information

### Project title and description

If your application is successful, we will publish some grant details on GrantConnect and other government publications. Published details include:

- name of the grant recipient
- a project title
- a brief project description and its intended outcome
- amount of grant funding awarded.

**Provide a project title.**

Kirwans Bridge Rehabilitation

**Provide a brief project description for publication.**

**Ensure your project description focuses on your project's key activities and outcomes. Outline what it is you are going to do and how it will benefit your community.**

The Kirwans Bridge rehabilitation project is aimed at restoring and improving the structural integrity, functionality, and safety of the historic bridge. The bridge originally opened in 1890 and is on the Victorian Heritage Register as place number H1886 (VHR). It is of historical, scientific (technical) and aesthetic significance to the State of Victoria. Over the years, timber deterioration led to a gradual reduction in its load limit to 3 Tonnes, and severe structural damage during the October 2022 floods necessitated its closure to vehicular traffic. Significant community interest surrounds the restoration and reopening of this Historic Bridge and the benefits and reduced risk it will provide to the growing township of Nagambie.

### Grant amount

**You must enter the amount of grant funding you are requesting.**

**The minimum grant amount is \$500,000 and the maximum grant amount for this grant opportunity is \$15,000,000.**

\$7,000,000

**You must enter the estimated total eligible project amount.**

\$7,000,000

### Sources of co-funding

The grant amount above can be up to either 50%, 70% or 90% of eligible project costs depending on which co-funding group you are in.

Identify all other sources of funding for the project. Use the "Add Another" button to capture each contributing source.

**Contributor type**

Own contribution

**Contributor name**

Strathbogie Shire Council

**Contribution amount**

\$700,000

### Detailed project description and key activities

This information will be included in your grant agreement if your application is successful.

**Provide a detailed description of your project including the project scope and key activities.**

Strathbogie shire is proposing to rehabilitate Kirwans bridge using the Steel-Concrete Composite System, which is the most preferred option for the Council, taking into account the whole of life cost and community safety. Council has created a community panel with a number of residents of Kirwans Bridge, to work through and create this preferred outcome. This work has included heritage studies, structural reviews and options that have been worked through with the community and relevant statutory authorities and agencies including Heritage Victoria. Due to the closure of Kirwans Bridge as a result of the October 2022 floods, these rehabilitation works will provide the community with a safe daily transport network and a safer route in emergencies, as the only current detour option available to the community is a gravel rural road, which floods during rainfall events. Thus, not isolating the residents and visitors of Kirwans Bridge.

Council has undertaken detailed design plans to upgrade the alternate route. The detailed designs show that over 100 significant native trees would need to be removed to meet the minimum required standard, further to that there be additional works that need to be undertaken to improve the safety of this route. Further, the road route also crosses through floodway's, which poses other risks. This upgrade will result in more commuting time, existing flooding concerns, removal of vegetation, guardrail installation for safety and various intersection upgrades due to no line-of-sight distances, therefore resulting in a cost neutral split for the upgrade of Kirwans Bridge compared to the road upgrade.



Council is pursuing the Kirwans Bridge upgrade due to the minimal environmental impact, time saved in travel/ lost productivity and Co2 emissions, protection of existing community heritage and community desire.

The preferred option involves renovating the existing single-lane bridge by replacing the timber decking with a concrete deck slab. It will include the replacement of 72 severely damaged and slender piles (less than 300mm diameter) and repairing 14 piles with minor to moderate damage. The estimated lifespan of this option is around 50 years, with a load limit of 30 tonnes. The concept design features a concrete deck slab (380 mm thick), shear studs, existing I-girders, diaphragms (80x80x8 EA and 50x50x5 EA sections used as V-braced with top and bottom chord at supports, each 5000mm), 2x300PFC for headstocks, and replacement of 72 piles with timber piles (500mm diameter) and repair of 14 piles with concrete collars. This option retains the technical heritage of the bridge with materials that reduce maintenance burdens and prolong the life and performance of the Bridge.

Council has already undertaken a competitive tender process and awarded a contract for the detailed design. These detailed designs will draw upon the scoping studies previously undertaken and engaged upon with the Kirwans Bridge community.

At a stage Council has the funding to undertake the works, Council will begin to seek environmental and heritage approvals for works to begin. Council when then undertake a competitive tender for suitably experienced company to undertake and complete the construction works.

## Project outcomes

This information will be included in your grant agreement if your application is successful.

### Provide a summary of the expected project outcomes.

Nagambie is springing the trend of small rural communities by growing and attracting new residents and investment to a small rural township. The Nagambie Growth Management Strategy anticipates a 50 percent residential increase by 2036. Nagambie is located 140km north of Melbourne along the Goulburn Valley Freeway. Kirwans Bridge is located 5.5km north of Nagambie's commercial centre. Council is directing most of its residential growth north, towards Kirwans Bridge. Council has currently approved or is in the process of approving 595 residential dwellings within 2km of Kirwans Bridge. Further Council is anticipating an application for a caravan park within 550m of Kirwans Bridge. These combined will see a continual increase in use of the Kirwans Bridge from residents and tourists.

A Planning Permit has recently been issued for a manufacturing facility in Nagambie which will bring 54 full time jobs to Nagambie. Once established the facility will bring new business and further jobs from new suppliers, transportation jobs and other associated businesses.

From a residential growth perspective 625 residential lots currently at various stages of the planning process. Remplan forecasts 689 new jobs to the surrounding area and specifically 445 of those will stay within the Strathbogie Shire. Currently Nagambie has 491 full time jobs and 251 part time jobs, this equates to a 92 percent increase in jobs for Nagambie the Strathbogie Shire and the greater Goulburn Valley Region. This growth for a township of approximately 2000 people is account of Nagambie/Kirwan Bridges proximity to Melbourne and significant lifestyle aspects of Lake Nagambie and the Goulburn River. Socially, the project aligns with the Department of Infrastructure cooperate plan by enhancing transport connectivity. The restored bridge will improve connectivity between communities on both sides, facilitating easier access to essential services, schools, healthcare facilities, and recreational areas, thereby strengthening social ties and promoting interactions among residents in Nagambie. The restoration project provides an excellent opportunity for community members to be actively involved in the decision-making process through public consultations and engagement activities, fostering a sense of ownership and pride in the bridge's rehabilitation and overall development. Additionally, safer commuting for pedestrians and motorists creates a safer environment, instilling a greater sense of security within the community. Preserving Kirwans Bridge's historical and cultural significance fosters community pride and promotes a shared sense of history and identity. Furthermore, the improved access to recreation encourages a healthier lifestyle and positive social interactions within the community.

Environmentally, the project aligns with the Council, State and National strategies for preserving the natural habitat and using sustainable materials and practices. By rehabilitating the existing bridge over upgrading the alternate route, the project minimizes disturbance to the surrounding natural habitat. Efforts to use sustainable materials and construction practices contribute to reducing the project's environmental impact, including carbon emissions and resource consumption. Taking measures to have lesser impacts on water bodies and implementing erosion control safeguards water quality and aquatic life.

Regarding climate change, the project aligns with the Council, State and National strategies to address flooding issues and reduce impact resulting from extreme weather events. By rehabilitating the bridge and implementing measures to protect against scour, the project enhances the bridge's resilience to flooding and other climate-related impacts. Aligning the designs to withstand extreme weather events ensures the bridge's structural integrity and public safety during such events. occurrences. Additionally, taking measures to protect the surrounding ecosystem reflects the council's commitment to environmental conservation in the face of climate change.

The project aims to renovate the existing single-lane bridge by replacing the timber decking with a durable concrete deck slab. Severely damaged piers will be replaced with sturdy timber piles and 14 piles with minor to moderate damage will be repaired with concrete collars for enhanced load-bearing capacity. The delivered bridge is expected to have a lifespan of 50 years and a load limit of 30 tonnes, ensuring a safe and reliable transportation route for the community while requiring minimal ongoing maintenance.

## Project duration

We expect your project should start no earlier than 1 February 2024 and must not start later than 15 May 2024. Your project must be completed by 31 December 2025.

### Estimated project start date

01/05/2024

### Estimated project end date

01/12/2025

### Estimated project duration (in months)

20

## Project milestones

Provide details on the project milestones including the key activities occurring at each milestone.

The milestone start and end dates must be within the project start and end dates. You can add up to 6 milestones.

**Milestone title**

Site Establishment

**Description**

The works will include Survey and Inspection, Site Access and Safety procedures, Works on temporary facilities on site for material handling and other facilities, Environmental Protection permits, Foundation preparation works, Location of utilities and services, Community engagement and Emergency response plan.

**Estimated start date**

01/05/2024

**Estimated end date**

28/06/2024

**Milestone title**

Demolition

**Description**

The works will include a survey and planning to the items to be demolished, meetings with Heritage Victoria team and application of permits required for the safe removal of any unwanted structural elements, Removal of loose fabric, nuts and bolts that are protruding from the old remnant structure which might be a safety issue for the future bridge, Demolition of any timber decking that doesn't serve the purpose. Proper storage of the demolished items considering the heritage value, securing or removal of any utilities that's running across the bridge. This stage will finish off with a Post-Demolition assessment.

**Estimated start date**

23/09/2024

**Estimated end date**

31/10/2024

**Milestone title**

Earthworks

**Description**

This works will include site preparation, excavation for any pile works as per design, Foundation modifications to improve bridge capacity, backfilling works to improve stability and prevent erosion of materials, Slope grading, Embankments construction to meet the design standards, proper compaction to increase the load bearing capacity of the bridge, Soil stabilizations as required, any testing required and also quality controls and preparation of test plans.

**Estimated start date**

02/12/2024

**Estimated end date**

31/01/2025

**Milestone title**

Bridge Sub-structure and Superstructure Works

**Description**

Substructure works involves required abutment rehabilitation, pier rehabilitation, foundation structure, scour protection, substructure waterproofing works, any fixture replacements and expansion joint works.

Superstructure works will involve Deck upgrade, beam and girder repairs, replacement of bearings where required, Investigate is any railings need to replaced, decking overlay for safe vehicular movement, waterproofing of the superstructure and a final quality check.

**Estimated start date**

03/03/2025

**Estimated end date**

24/10/2025

**Milestone title**

Inspection and Final Delivery



**Description**

Preparation of inspection test plans and asset handover sheets.

**Estimated start date**

03/11/2025

**Estimated end date**

01/12/2025

## Project location

### Project Site 1

Kirwans Bridge  
Kirwans Bridge VIC 3608  
Australia

**Estimated % of project value expected to be undertaken at site**

100

## Project geolocation

A mapping tool is available to assist you in determining the location of your project. The latitude and longitude must be in numeric format. You must provide the following geolocation details for each project location site entered above.

**Project site name**

Use the Project site number as per the records above so they are linked.

Kirwans Bridge

**Project site address latitude**

The latitude must be expressed in numeric format. For example, the latitude of Alice Springs is -23.6980.

-36.7456

**Project site address longitude**

The longitude must be expressed in numeric format. For example, the longitude of Alice Springs is 133.8807.

145.1395

**Project site address remoteness classification**

The criteria for the remoteness classification is based on the Australian Bureau of Statistics Remoteness Structure under the Australian Statistical Geography Standard. It is very important that you specify the correct remoteness classification. An error may cause your contribution to be inadequate and your application to be considered ineligible. If your project includes multiple site locations and there is a mix of regional and remote classifications we will consider your entire project location as remote for the purposes of the contribution requirement. Click here to access the mapping tool that will help you determine the remoteness classification of your project location.

Inner regional Australia

## ORIC registration number

You must provide your ORIC registration number if you do not have an ABN.

## Assessment criteria

We will assess your application based on the weighting given to each criterion and against the indicators listed beneath each criterion.

The amount of detail and supporting evidence you provide should be commensurate with the project size, complexity and grant amount requested. You should define, quantify and provide evidence to support your answers.

### Assessment criterion 1

To what extent is your project ready to proceed and how does it align to the program objectives? (Score out of 1)

You should demonstrate this through identifying:

- how advanced the project designs are

- **how far you have progressed the tender process**
- **the extent to which your project fills an identified gap or need for community infrastructure**
- **the extent to which your project will contribute to achieving a wide range of community socio-economic outcomes.**

The rehabilitation of Kirwans Bridge is progressing steadily with preliminary designs received, and community consultations actively taking place. The detailed design is scheduled to be completed by August 2023, and the tender will be awarded as soon as funds become available. The significance of reopening the bridge cannot be understated, as it will provide direct access to a community to the closest township, improving connectivity and accessibility for the residents.

The rehabilitation project promises various economic benefits for the local community. A well-restored and aesthetically pleasing bridge has the potential to become a tourist attraction, drawing tourists and visitors who are fascinated by historical landmarks. This increased tourism can lead to a boost in revenue for local businesses, hotels, restaurants, and other establishments. Moreover, the improved infrastructure and connectivity resulting from the rehabilitated bridge can positively impact nearby property values, making the area more desirable to residents and potential buyers, potentially leading to increases in property prices and overall economic value.

Additionally, the project will create job opportunities within the construction and engineering sectors, benefiting local contractors, builders, and workers and stimulating economic activity in the region. Though the initial investment in the rehabilitation may be significant, it can lead to cost savings in the long run by reducing regular maintenance costs and the risk of costly emergency repairs. During the construction phase, local businesses in the vicinity of the bridge may experience increased customer traffic, as construction workers and visitors frequent their shops and services, providing a short-term boost to the local economy.

Furthermore, conducting thorough rehabilitation will extend the bridge's lifespan, postponing costly replacements in the future and ensuring a sustainable and functional infrastructure for years to come. Beyond the economic benefits, the rehabilitation also promises numerous social advantages for the local community. The restored bridge will enhance connectivity between communities on both sides, facilitating easier access to essential services, schools, healthcare facilities, and recreational areas, thereby strengthening social ties and promoting interactions among residents from different neighbourhoods.

Moreover, the project fosters community engagement and pride through public consultations, allowing community members to actively participate in the decision-making process. This involvement creates a sense of ownership and pride in the bridge's rehabilitation and overall development of the locality.

The preservation of Kirwans Bridge holds historical and cultural significance for the local community, instilling a sense of pride in preserving their heritage for future generations, promoting a shared sense of history and identity. Additionally, the improved transportation and reduced travel time resulting from the rehabilitated bridge will positively impact the quality of life for community members, leading to increased satisfaction and overall well-being.

Furthermore, the rehabilitation project has the potential to bring the community together, fostering unity and cooperation among residents, businesses, and local organizations, strengthening social bonds and cultivating a more closely-knit community. Lastly, the restoration of Kirwans Bridge can open up new opportunities for recreational activities such as walking, cycling, and picnicking, encouraging residents and visitors alike to explore the area, enhancing social interactions, and promoting tourism within the region. Overall, the rehabilitation of Kirwans Bridge promises significant and lasting benefits for both the local economy and the community's social well-being.

## Assessment criterion 2

**How does your project align with regional priorities for the area? (Score out of 5)**

**You should demonstrate this through identifying:**

- **which regional priorities are being addressed and how your project addresses these priorities.**

**You must attach evidence of the regional priorities later in the form.**

The rehabilitation of Kirwans Bridge strongly aligns with the council's economic, social, environmental, and climate change policies, making it a comprehensive and sustainable project.

Economically, the project aligns with the council's economic policy by promoting increased tourism to the area. A well-restored and aesthetically pleasing bridge can become a tourist attraction, attracting visitors and boosting revenue for local businesses, hotels, restaurants, and other establishments. Additionally, the infrastructure improvements, such as a rehabilitated bridge, can positively impact nearby property values, leading to potential increases in property prices and overall economic value. The project also contributes to job creation within the construction and engineering sectors, benefiting local contractors, builders, and workers and stimulating economic activity in the region. Moreover, the rehabilitation's cost-saving benefits in the long run align with efficient use of public funds and reflect the council's economic responsibility.

Plan Melbourne point 7.1.2 supports the growth of Peri-Urban locations to major centres. Nagambie's and Kirwan Bridges location to Shepparton is approximately 30min each way, Seymour 25min and to the Melbourne CBD is 1.5 hours each way via personal transport. It's Nagambie's and Kirwans Bridges proximity to these centers that makes it an attractive location to support and help cater for the residential developments of these regions. Nagambie is also serviced by 19 Vline services daily.

Hume regional growth strategy states to support resurgences in small towns where communities have capitalised on unique assets (Principals and vision for the region). Nagambie has lake Nagambie and the Goulburn River providing unique opportunities for living active lifestyles by the water all year round.

11.1 C) The Hume regional strategy states 'Improve land use planning processes to support improved responses to investment and business opportunities. Council is currently approved or processing applications for 778 new residential buildings increasing Nagambie's current housing stock by 50 percent, Remplan forecasts that once these dwellings have been constructed it will bring 689 new jobs to the region. This will again be supported by the manufacturing facility due to start construction soon.

11.1E) Protect, maintain and enhance tourism assets. As previously mentioned Nagambie holds several large scale events that bring thousands of tourists continually, that use the lake and river, which the bridge can continue to be an attraction.

11.1F) Maximise transport assets to support the regional economy. The reason Nagambie is being developed for the manufacturing facility is due to its proximity to the Goulburn freeway. It is projected that more will now come to the region with potentially more industrial land being subdivided and being used in similar ways. This again shows the continual growth Nagambie is experiencing and why the Bridge needs to be upgraded to be able to handle heavier loads.

12.1C) Manage water as key environment, social and economic asset. Lake Nagambie and the Goulburn River are one of the major keys to Nagambie's future and expansion as perennial water bodies it offers the ideal location to life and work whilst also offering Tourism and large scale events such as Head of the River 15,000 and GoFish 20,000 these are expected to get larger as the years progress and the Bridge can continue to be a showcase during these events.



In summary, the rehabilitation of Kirwans Bridge aligns cohesively with the Council, State and Commonwealth economic, social, environmental, and climate change policies. The project's multifaceted approach promotes sustainable development, community engagement, and the preservation of heritage, while contributing to economic growth and improving overall quality of life for the community. The integration of these policies ensures a comprehensive and responsible rehabilitation project that meets the needs of the present while considering the long-term interests of the community and the environment.

## Application finalisation

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### Conflict of interest

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**Do you have any perceived or existing conflicts of interest to declare?**

**Refer to the grant opportunity guidelines for further information on your conflict of interest responsibilities.**

No

### Additional information

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You should attach any additional supporting documentation here. You should only attach documents that we have requested or you have referred to in your application.

#### **Evidence to demonstrate not-for-profit status**

You must attach one of the following; Current Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission's (ACNC) Registration; or State or territory incorporated association status; or Constitutional documents and/or Articles of Association that demonstrate the not-for-profit character of the organisation.

#### **Evidence to support a request for co-funding group 1 or 2 (if applicable)**

If applying for group 1 or group 2 you must include evidence that supports which group you fall into, including how your site was impacted by the disaster, if required.

Letter to CEO - Strathbogie Shire Council - Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements - Categories A and B - AGRN 1037 (003).pdf

#### **Evidence that you own the land/infrastructure or have landowner's permission**

You must attach relevant evidence that you own the land/infrastructure being built/upgraded upon, or that you have the landowner's permission to use the land/infrastructure.

Kirwans Bridge - public asset - Strathbogie Shire Council d.pdf

#### **Evidence of a cash contribution**

You must attach evidence of the cash contribution being provided for each source of funding.

EOI Growing the Regions - Letter of Support - CEO.docx

#### **Project budget**

You must attach a project budget.

Estimated Budget.docx

#### **Evidence of alignment to local and regional priorities**

You must attach either full documents or a list of hyperlinks within a document to official documented local and regional priorities.

Hyperlinks to supportive documentation.docx

#### **Evidence the project is ready to commence**

You must attach evidence including approved development applications, project designs and timelines.

Comparison Report with Concept Designs.pdf

#### **Trust documents**

Where you have indicated your entity type is a trustee applying on behalf of a trust, you must attach trust documents showing the relationship of the incorporated trustee to the trust.

### Program feedback

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Your responses help us improve the design and delivery of programs. They will not affect the assessment or outcome of this application.

**How did you hear about the grant opportunity?**

Direct mail/email

**Did you read the grant opportunity guidelines?**



Before starting your application

We welcome any additional feedback on the guidelines.

NA

How satisfied were you with the process of applying for this grant?

Satisfied

We welcome any additional feedback on the application process.

NA

## Primary contact

Title

[REDACTED]

Given Name

[REDACTED]

Family Name

[REDACTED]

Position Title

Senior Engineer

Email Address

[REDACTED]

Phone Number

[REDACTED]

Mobile Number

[REDACTED]

Business postal address of the primary contact

Is the address located in Australia?

Yes

Address Details

109A Binney St

EUROA VIC 3666

Australia

## Declaration

### Privacy and confidentiality provisions

I acknowledge that this is an Australian Government program and that the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (the department) will use the information I provide in accordance with the following:

- Australian Government Public Data Policy Statement
- Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines
- grant opportunity guidelines
- applicable Australian laws.

Accordingly, I understand that the department may share my personal information provided in this application within this department and other government agencies:

- a. for purposes directly related to administering the program, including governance, research and the distribution of funds to successful applicants
- b. to facilitate research, assessment, monitoring and analysis of other programs and activities

unless otherwise prohibited by law.

I understand that where I am successful in obtaining a grant, the financial information that I provide for the purposes of payment will be accessible to departmental staff to enable payments to be made through the department's accounts payable software system.

I understand that information that is deemed 'confidential' in accordance with the grant opportunity guidelines may also be shared for a relevant Commonwealth purpose.

The department will publish information on individual grants in the public domain, including on the department's website, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

### Applicant declaration

I declare that I have read and understood the grant opportunity guidelines, including the grant agreement, privacy, confidentiality and disclosure provisions.

I declare that the proposed project outlined in this application and any associated expenditure has been endorsed by the applicant's board/management committee or person with authority to commit the applicant to this project.

I declare that the applicant will comply with, and require that its subcontractors and independent contractors comply with, all applicable laws.

I declare that the applicant and any project partners are not included on the National Redress Scheme list of institutions, where sexual abuse occurred, that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme.

I declare that the applicant is not named by the Workplace Gender Equality Agency as an organisation that has not complied with the *Workplace Gender Equality Act (2012)*.

I confirm that the applicant, project partners and associated activities are in compliance with current Australian Government sanctions.

I declare that the information contained in this application together with any statement provided is, to the best of my knowledge, accurate, complete and not misleading and that I understand that giving of false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth)*.

I acknowledge that I may be requested to provide further clarification or documentation to verify the information supplied in this form and that the department may, during the application process, consult with other government agencies, including state and territory government agencies, about the applicant's claims and may also engage external technical or financial advisors to advise on information provided in the application.

I agree to participate in the periodic evaluation of the services undertaken by the department.

I approve the information in this application being communicated to the department in electronic form.

I understand that the applicant is responsible for ensuring that it has met relevant state or territory legislation obligations related to working with children, and that any person that has direct, unsupervised contact with children as part of a project under this grant opportunity, has undertaken and passed, a working with children check, if required under relevant state or territory legislation. The applicant is also responsible for assessing the suitability of people engaged on this project to ensure children are kept safe.

I acknowledge that if the department is satisfied that any statement made in an application is incorrect, incomplete, false or misleading the department may, at its absolute discretion, take appropriate action. I note such action may include excluding an application from further consideration; withdrawing an offer of funding; using the information contained in the application for a fraud investigation that would be consistent with the Australian Government's Investigations Standards and Commonwealth Fraud Control Framework and/or for a grant under management, terminating a grant agreement between the Commonwealth and the grantee including recovering funds already paid.

I declare that I am authorised to submit this form on behalf of the applicant and acknowledge that this is the equivalent of signing this application.

**By checking this box I agree to all of the above declarations and confirm all of the above statements to be true**

Yes

