



Australian Government

**Department of Infrastructure, Transport,
Regional Development, Communications and the Arts**

To: The Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (for decision)

Subject: Changes to election commitment inclusions for the Investing in Our Communities and Priority Community Infrastructure Programs.

Action required by: Please action by 30 June 2023.

Recommendations:







1. s22(1)(a)(ii) [Redacted]
Agreed / Not Agreed
2. That you **agree** to the removal of the election commitments noted at **Attachment B** from liOC and PCIP.
Agreed / Not Agreed
3. s22(1)(a)(ii) [Redacted]
Agreed / Not Agreed
4. s22(1)(a)(ii) [Redacted]
Agreed / Not Agreed
5. s22(1)(a)(ii) [Redacted]
Noted / Please Discuss
6. That you **sign** and send the letter at **Attachment I** seeking the Prime Minister's approval to the changes noted above and for movements of funding required.
Signed / Not Signed

The Hon Catherine King MP

Date:

Comments:

Key Points:

1. s22(1)(a)(ii)

2. 
3. In the 2022-23 October Budget the Government also agreed to allocate \$1 billion in administered funding to PCIP. This is also a closed non-competitive program to deliver election commitments and eligible projects committed by the previous Government's Community Development Grants Programme as part of their 2022 PEFO. The program includes commitments of \$5 million or more, as well as a small number of lower value commitments nominated by you.
4. For both programs, the allocation of funding was determined with reference to lists of projects formulated in discussion with the Department of Finance and your office.
5. s22(1)(a)(ii)

6. s22(1)(a)(ii)

7. s22(1)(a)(ii)

8. s22(1)(a)(ii)

9. During the implementation of both programs the department has worked with your office to develop final lists of election commitments to be delivered under IiOC and PCIP, and this continues to be settled due to the following factors:

- s22(1)(a)(ii)


s22(1)(a)(ii)

- A small number of commitments have been identified for removal from IiOC or PCIP either because the election commitment is already being delivered through another portfolio, is being delivered within another area of the department or the Budget listing included both an election commitment and a Community Development Grants Programme PEFO commitment for the same project. These commitments are at **Attachment B**.

s22(1)(a)(ii)

10. It is recommended that you seek the approval of the Prime Minister for these proposed changes to IiOC and PCIP. A letter to the Prime Minister for your signature is at **Attachment I**.

11. s22(1)(a)(ii)

12. s22(1)(a)(ii)

Financial impacts:

13. s22(1)(a)(ii)

14. s22(1)(a)(ii)

Legal/Legislative impacts:

15. Nil

Stakeholder Implications:

Resolution of these proposed changes will enable nominated organisations, including other portfolio agencies, to commence the relevant processes for delivery of these election commitments.

Sensitivities

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Consultation:

The department has consulted with your office to ensure the Prime Minister's decision provides policy authority s22(1)(a)(ii)

Attachments:

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Attachment B: Election commitments to be removed from IiOC or PCIP

s22(1)(a)(ii)

Attachment I: Letter to the Prime Minister

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Instructions for MPS: Nil

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Election commitments to be removed from the Investing in Our Communities Program (IIOC) or Priority Community Infrastructure Program (PCIP)



s22(1)(a)(ii)

PCIP					
Election commitment	Nominated Organisation	Funding Amount	State	Reason	Appropriation Impact

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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Beef Week 2024 contribution	NA	\$2,000,000	QLD	This election commitment is being delivered by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry.	(2,000,000)
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s22(1)(a)(ii)

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The Hon Catherine King MP

Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government
Member for Ballarat

Ref: MS23-000134

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

Dear Prime Minister

I am writing to you to seek your agreement to a number of changes to projects within the Investing in Our Communities (IiOC) program and Priority Community Infrastructure Program (PCIP).

The changes fall into a number of categories and are summarised below. s22(1)(a)(ii)

s22(1)(a)(ii)		
Projects to be removed from IIOC and PCIP	Attachment B	
s22(1)(a)(ii)		

As you are aware, the IiOC and PCIP programs were announced as part of the October 2022-23 Budget to deliver the Government’s local and community infrastructure 2022 election commitments and the previous government’s 2022 Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook (PEFO) commitments.


s22(1)(a)(ii)

Both programs opened in February 2023 and my Department has continued to work with nominated grantees as well as my staff, Members of Parliament and their electorate staff to manage any subsequent changes to projects. s22(1)(a)(ii)

s22(1)(a)(ii)

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s22(1)(a)(ii)



Yours sincerely

Catherine King MP

/ / 2023