

Short comment

As small rural remote council we would not access this funding for our projects as the Queensland Treasury would be a first point of call.

For our local businesses, small loans would be more applicable/utilized. It is difficult to obtain loan funding from banks in Western Queensland. Use an organization such as MITEZ or the North West ROC to be an agent to administer funds from NAIF.

Allow the funding to be accessed via grants.

Extend the deadline for funding projects beyond 30/06/2026 as North West Queensland is experiencing unprecedented growth with large scale projects such as Copperstring and associated Renewable Energy projects, establishment of critical mineral mines for example Vanadium. With the review of the Gulf Water Plan, it is expected increased intensive agriculture to be facilitated by the allocation of increased water.