# On Farm Connectivity Program – Round 1

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| Opening date: | 10.00 AM 27 October 2023 |
| Closing date and time: | 5.00 PM Australian Eastern Standard Time on 31 May 2024 or until funding exhausted, whichever occurs firstPlease take account of time zone differences when submitting your application. |
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| Administering entity: | Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR) |
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## On Farm Connectivity Program processes

**The On Farm Connectivity Program is designed to achieve Australian Government objectives**

This grant (rebate) program contributes to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts’ Outcome 5. The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts works with stakeholders to plan and design the grant program according to the [*Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines*.](https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-guidelines)

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**The grant (rebate) opportunity opens**

We publish the grant guidelines on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.

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**STEP 1: ELIGIBILITY CHECK**

**You complete and submit an application to check your eligibility for the rebate**

You complete the application form, addressing all the eligibility criteria.

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**We assess all applications**

We review the application against eligibility criteria.

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**We make grant recommendations**

The decision maker approves eligible applications.

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**We notify of you of the outcome**

We notify you of the outcome of your application.

We advise you of the rebate amount you can claim.

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**STEP 2: GRANT (REBATE) CLAIM**

**Sale of eligible equipment**

You sell the eligible equipment to the primary producer.

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**You complete and submit a grant (rebate) claim**

You have 60 days to claim the rebate from the date we notify you are eligible.

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**We assess all grant (rebate) claims**

We review the rebate claim against information you provided in the eligibility check.

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| **Payment is made** We pay you the rebate. |

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**Evaluation of the On Farm Connectivity Rebate Program**

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts evaluate the specific grant activity and On Farm Connectivity Rebate Program as a whole. We base this on information you provide to us and that we collect from various sources.

### Introduction

These guidelines contain information for the On Farm Connectivity Program Round 1 grants (rebate).

This document sets out:

* the eligibility criteria
* how we consider and assess grant applications
* how we notify applicants and pay the rebate
* responsibilities and expectations in relation to the opportunity.

The Department of Industry, Science and Resources (the department/DISR) is responsible for administering this grant opportunity on behalf of the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (DITRDCA).

We have defined key terms used in these guidelines in the glossary at section 13.

You should read this document carefully before you fill out an application and undertake project activities.

## About the grant program

The On Farm Connectivity Program (the program) will run over 2 years from 2023-24 to 2024-25. The program is an election commitment announced as part of Labor’s Plan for a Better Future. This program forms part of the Better Connectivity for Rural and Regional Australia Plan (Better Connectivity Plan) and assists primary producers to take advantage of digital agribusiness solutions to boost productivity and improve safety.

The objectives of the program are:

* extend digital connectivity and take advantage of advanced farming technology
* enhance a primary producers’ capacity to implement digital agribusiness solutions through improved connectivity
* capitalise on the agricultural sector’s potential for increased productivity and growth
* support access to new communications equipment by offsetting some of the cost.

The intended outcomes of the program are:

* increased investment in equipment to support operations of the agricultural sector
* increased efficiency, competitiveness, productivity and profitability of the agricultural sector
* improved safety on farm
* increased use of advanced farming technology
* improved knowledge of advanced farming technology and digital literacy.

Eligible Primary Producers can only access the program (and rebate) through an Eligible Equipment Supplier (you as the applicant). See section 4 for eligibility requirements.

There will be other grant (rebate) opportunities as part of this program and we will publish the opening and closing dates and any other relevant information on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.

We administer the program according to the [*Commonwealth Grants Rules and Guidelines* (CGRGs)](https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-guidelines)[[1]](#footnote-2).

## Grant amount and grant period

### Grants available

The Australian Government has announced a total of $30 million for the On Farm Connectivity Rebate Program. For Round 1 of the grant (rebate) opportunity, $15 million is available in 2023-24, or until funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first.

The grant (rebate) amount will be up to 50 per cent of the cost of eligible equipment item/s listed at Appendix B.

* The minimum grant (rebate) amount is $3,000.
* The maximum grant (rebate) amount is $30,000.

As an eligible Equipment Supplier listed at Appendix A, you can claim up to the maximum rebate amount for each eligible Primary Producer with an ABN.

You can claim more than one rebate where the eligible Primary Producer has multiple properties with a separate ABN for each primary production property.

The eligible Primary Producer is responsible for any remaining eligible and ineligible costs above the rebate amount.

Remaining costs cannot be funded from existing Commonwealth, state, territory and local government grants.

We expect that there may be a high level of interest for this grant (rebate) opportunity and it may be oversubscribed. This is a demand driven grant opportunity. Grants (rebates) will be awarded to eligible applicants on a first come, first served basis in order of application receipt, until the funding is exhausted.

### Project period

You must submit your application and submit your claim for rebate by 31 May 2024.

From the date we notify you that your application is eligible you have up to 60 days to finalise the sale of eligible equipment with the eligible Primary Producer and to submit your claim for the rebate.

## Eligibility criteria

We cannot consider your application if you do not satisfy all eligibility criteria.

### Who is eligible?

To be eligible you must:

* be an eligible Equipment Supplier listed in Appendix A
* supply an eligible connectivity solution and the associated eligible equipment as listed in Appendix B to an eligible Primary Producer (as defined in Appendix C)
* be able to supply the eligible connectivity solution and associated eligible equipment to the eligible Primary Producer within 60 days of the sale/purchase.

### Additional eligibility requirements

We can only accept applications where:

* the eligible Primary Producer provides a declaration that they meet the eligibility criteria at Appendix C, confirming that they:
* are a registered business and have an Australian Business Number (ABN)
* have an annual average gross income (i.e. total revenue before expenses and tax) from primary production of between $40,000 and $2 million. Annual average income is calculated as the average of the previous three full financial years’ income for each ABN
* are not a hobby farmer
* operate an eligible primary production activity listed at Appendix D.

Eligible primary production activities are defined as those listed in the Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) 2006 (revision 2.0) codes under Division A, Agricultural Forestry and Fishing, Subdivisions 01, 02 and 03 .

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| **Eligible - activities in the following ANZSIC codes (see Appendix D)** | **Ineligible - all other ANZSIC codes, including activities in the following codes** |
| 0100-0198, Agriculture (refer Appendix D for further details) | 01, Agriculture, 0199 Other Livestock farming n.e.c. |
| 02, Aquaculture | 04, Fishing, hunting and trapping |
| 03, Forestry and logging | 05, Agriculture, forestry and fishing support services |

### Who is not eligible?

You are not eligible to apply if you are:

* an organisation, included on the [National Redress Scheme’s website](http://www.nationalredress.gov.au) on the list of ‘Institutions that have not joined or signified their intent to join the Scheme’
* an employer of 100 or more employees that has [not complied](https://www.wgea.gov.au/what-we-do/compliance-reporting/non-compliant-list) with the *Workplace Gender Equality Act (2012)*
* an entity not listed in 4.1 or 4.2.

## What the grant money can be used for

### Eligible activities

To be eligible your project must:

* assist Primary Producers to take advantage of agribusiness solutions to boost productivity and improve safety
* supply eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment listed at Appendix B to an eligible Primary Producer (see Appendix C)
* sell, install and deliver eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment to the eligible Primary Producer at 50 per cent of the purchase price up to $60,000 (Primary Producers may spend more than $60,000, and there is no limit to the amount they may spend, however the rebate will not exceed $30,000)
* have at least $6,000 (GST exclusive) in total eligible expenditure.

### Eligible expenditure

This is a rebate program. We will reimburse you (the eligible Equipment Supplier) for up to 50 per cent of the purchase price of eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment purchased by an eligible Primary Producer.

The cost of the eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment is according to the price list provided at the time the supplier has been approved for inclusion on the list of Eligible Equipment Suppliers at Appendix A.

Eligible expenditure items are:

* eligible connectivity solutions and the associated equipment items listed in Appendix B
* cost of training provided to the Primary Producer in the operation of approved eligible equipment items, to a maximum of 10 per cent of the total equipment purchase price
* cost of subscriptions to support operation approved eligible equipment items for up to 12 months duration, to a maximum of 10 per cent of the total equipment purchase price
* cost of delivery and installation
* contingency of up to 20 per cent above the listed eligible equipment price list provided at the time the supplier has been approved as an Eligible Equipment Supplier. This is to account for changes in costs, including price of equipment, and transportation, if required.

We may update the guidance on eligible and ineligible expenditure from time to time. If your application is successful, the version in place when you submitted your application applies to your application.

Not all expenditure on your project may be eligible for grant funding (the rebate). The Program Delegate (who is a manager within the department with responsibility for administering the program) makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure and may give additional guidance on eligible expenditure if required.

You must onlyincur eligible expenditure after you have been notified your application issuccessful and that you are eligible for the rebate.

Once you have received notification confirming your eligibility for the program, you have 60 days to finalise the sale with the eligible primary producer and submit your claim for the rebate.

You must submit your application, complete your sale of eligible equipment and make your claim for payment by 31 May 2024.

Failure to submit your claim for the rebate within 60 days of your eligible application notice may require you to reapply for the program.

### What you cannot use the grant for

Expenditure items that are not eligible are:

* home or business internet costs
* insurance, operation and maintenance costs
* items not included in the list of connectivity solutions and associated equipment at Appendix B
* expenditure incurred prior to being notified of your eligibility for the rebate (such as a deposit for eligible equipment)
* costs associated with negotiating a sale (e.g. sales representatives).

## How to apply

Before applying you should read and understand these guidelines and the sample application forms published on business.gov.au and GrantConnect.

You will need to set up an account to access our online [portal](https://portal.business.gov.au/).

You can submit an application at any time while the grant opportunity remains open. The grant opportunity will open for applications on 27 October 2023.

To apply, you must:

* complete and submit the application through the online [portal](https://portal.business.gov.au/)
* provide all the information requested
* address all eligibility criteria.

This is a two-step process. Before you enter into a sale of connectivity solutions or equipment with a Primary Producer, we must assess your application to determine your eligibility for the program. This includes the eligibility of the Primary Producer.

Figure 1. Rebate steps for eligible participants



As part of the application process, the Primary Producer will be invited through the portal to complete an electronic declaration confirming their eligibility (see Appendix C – Eligibility Criteria for Primary Producers). When the Primary Producer has completed the declaration, you can submit your application. Your application can not be assessed until this declaration has been received.

You must not undertake the sale with the Primary Producer until you have been notified that you are eligible for the rebate.

If you are notified that your application meets all the eligibility requirements under these guidelines, you will have 60 days to progress the sale of the eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment with the eligible Primary Producer and to make your claim for the rebate through our online portal.

Any sales of eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment made with Primary Producers before you are notified of your eligibility for the program will not be eligible for the rebate.

We will notify you if you are not eligible for the rebate.

You can view and print a copy of your submitted rebate application on the portal for your own records.

You are responsible for making sure your rebate application is complete and accurate. Giving false or misleading information is a serious offence under the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth). If we consider that you have provided false or misleading information we may not progress your application. If you find an error in your application after submitting it, you should call us immediately on 13 28 46.

After submitting your application, we can contact you for clarification if we find an error or any missing information, including evidence that supports your eligibility.

The acceptance of any additional information provided after the submission of your application is at the discretion of the Program Delegate. Additional information should not materially change your application at the time it was submitted and therefore may be refused if deemed to be purely supplementary.

If you need further guidance around the application process, or if you have any issues with the portal, [contact us](https://www.business.gov.au/contact-us) at business.gov.au or by calling 13 28 46.

### Timing of grant opportunity

You can only submit an application between the published opening and closing dates. We cannot accept late applications.

You can submit an application at any time while the grant opportunity remains open.

If you are notified that you are eligible for the rebate you must:

* complete the sale of the eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment item/s with the eligible Primary Producer and submit your claim for rebate within 60 days of receiving notice of your successful application.

The closing date may be announced after you are notified that you are eligible for a rebate. If this occurs, you will still have 60 days after the notification to complete the sale and claim the rebate.

Table 1: Expected timing for this grant opportunity

| Activity | Timeframe |
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| Assessment of eligibility and notice of application approval  | 2 to 4 weeks  |
| Notification to unsuccessful applicants | 2 weeks  |
| Earliest date of connectivity solution/equipment sale | Date of notification confirming eligibility |
| Claim for rebate  | Within 60 days of notification confirming eligibility |
| End date of grant commitment  | 31 May 2024 or until funding is exhausted, whichever occurs first |

## The grant selection process

Your application will be considered through a demand driven grant process. Applications will be reviewed in order of receipt until available funding is exhausted.

We will review your application against the eligibility criteria.

If we identify unintentional errors in your application, we may contact you to correct or clarify the information.

The Program Delegate will not approve funding if there are insufficient program funds available.

### Who will approve grants?

The Program Delegate decides which grants (rebate) to approve taking into account the availability of grant funds.

The Program Delegate’s decision is final in all matters, including:

* the grant approval (confirming your eligibility for program)
* the grant funding to be awarded (eligible rebate amount)
* any conditions attached to the offer of grant funding.

We cannot review decisions about the merits of your application.

The Program Delegate will not approve funding if there is insufficient program funds available across relevant financial years for the program.

## Notification of application outcomes

We will advise you of the outcome of your application in writing.

Once you have received notification that your application is successful, you have 60 days to finalise the sale of equipment with the eligible Primary Producer and to submit your claim for the rebate.

## Successful grant applications

### Activity specific legislation, policies and industry standards

You must comply with all relevant laws, regulations and Australian Government sanctions in undertaking your project. You must also comply with the specific legislation/policies/industry standards that follow. It is a condition of the grant funding that you meet these requirements.

In particular, you will be required to comply with:

* State/territory legislation in relation to working with children
* Consumer Protection Law <https://www.accc.gov.au/consumers/buying-products-and-services/consumer-rights-and-guarantees>
* Telecommunications (Prohibition of Mobile Phone Boosters) Declaration 2021 <https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/F2021L01177>
* Telecommunications Act 1997
* Work Health and Safety
* The Privacy Act
* relevant state and territory licences and approvals.

### How we pay the grant

The application outcome letter we send you will state the maximum rebate amount we will pay.

You have 60 days to finalise the sale of the equipment with the eligible Primary Producer and to submit your claim for the rebate.

You must submit the following to support your claim for the rebate:

* a description of the connectivity solution and associated eligible equipment that you have provided through the sale, and as outlined in the application outcome letter (refer to Appendix B for the list of eligible connectivity solutions and equipment)
* proof of purchase including copies of paid tax invoice(s), receipts or equivalent confirming the sale/purchase prices of the eligible equipment item/s, including costs for subscriptions, installation, training and delivery
* evidence that the eligible Primary Producer has paid their share of the equipment
* invoices and purchase orders are not acceptable evidence of proof of payment.

You must attach supporting documentation in line with the instructions provided within the form. You should only attach requested documents. The total of all attachments cannot exceed 20MB. We will not consider information in attachments that we do not request.

Failure to submit your claim for the rebate within 60 days of your eligible application notice may require you to reapply for the program.

### Grant Payments and GST

If you are registered for the Goods and Services Tax (GST), where applicable we will add GST to your grant payment and provide you with a recipient created tax invoice. You are required to notify us if your GST registration status changes during the project period. GST does not apply to grant payments to government related entities[[2]](#footnote-3).

Grants are assessable income for taxation purposes, unless exempted by a taxation law. We recommend you seek independent professional advice on your taxation obligations or seek assistance from the [Australian Taxation Office](https://www.ato.gov.au/). We do not provide advice on tax matters.

## Announcement of grants

If successful, your grant will be listed on the GrantConnect website within 21 days after the date of effect[[3]](#footnote-4) as required by section 5.3 of the CGRGs.

## How we monitor your grant activity

### Keeping us informed

You should let us know if anything is likely to affect your application or organisation.

We need to know of any key changes to your organisation or its business activities, particularly if they affect your ability to complete your claim, carry on business and pay debts due. The Department would take this information into consideration of any pending claims, and may result in you no longer being deemed an eligible supplier.

You must also inform us of any changes to your:

* name
* addresses
* nominated contact details
* bank account details.

### Compliance visits

We may visit you at the completion of your grant activity to review your compliance with the grant application. We may also inspect the records you are required to keep. We will provide you with reasonable notice of any compliance visit.

### Evaluation

DITRDCA will evaluate the grant program to measure how well the outcomes and objectives have been achieved. We may use information from your application for this purpose. We may also interview you, or ask you for more information to help us understand how the grant impacted you and to evaluate how effective the program was in achieving its outcomes.

We may contact you and/or the Primary Producer up to two years after you finish your project for more information to assist with this evaluation.

## Probity

We will make sure that the grant opportunity process is fair, according to the published guidelines, incorporates appropriate safeguards against fraud, unlawful activities and other inappropriate conduct and is consistent with the CGRGs.

### Conflicts of interest

Any conflicts of interest could affect the performance of the grant opportunity or program. There may be a [conflict of interest](http://www.apsc.gov.au/publications-and-media/current-publications/aps-values-and-code-of-conduct-in-practice/conflict-of-interest), or perceived conflict of interest, if our staff, any member of a committee or advisor and/or you or any of your personnel:

* has a professional, commercial or personal relationship with a party who is able to influence the application selection process, such as an Australian Government officer or member of an external panel
* has a relationship with or interest in, an organisation, which is likely to interfere with or restrict the applicants from 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 because the organisation receives a grant under the grant program/grant opportunity. For example, if you are supplying eligible equipment to a primary producer associated with you or any of your personnel.

As part of your application, we will ask you to declare any perceived or existing conflicts of interests or confirm that, to the best of your knowledge, there is no conflict of interest.

If you later identify an actual, apparent, or perceived conflict of interest, you must inform us in writing immediately.

Conflicts of interest for Australian Government staff are handled as set out in the Australian [Public Service Code of Conduct (Section 13(7))](https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2019C00057)[[4]](#footnote-5) of the *Public Service Act 1999* (Cth). Committee members and other officials including the decision maker must also declare any conflicts of interest.

We publish our [conflict of interest policy](https://www.industry.gov.au/sites/g/files/net3906/f/July%202018/document/pdf/conflict-of-interest-and-insider-trading-policy.pdf)[[5]](#footnote-6) on thedepartment’s website. The Commonwealth policy entity also publishes a conflict of interest policy on its website.

###  How we use your information

Unless the information you provide to us is:

* confidential information as per 12.2.1, or
* personal information as per 12.2.3,

we may share the information with other government agencies for a relevant Commonwealth purpose such as:

* to improve the effective administration, monitoring and evaluation of Australian Government programs
* for research
* to announce the awarding of grants.

#### How we handle your confidential information

We will treat the information you give us as sensitive and therefore confidential if it meets all of the following conditions:

* you clearly identify the information as confidential and explain why we should treat it as confidential
* the information is commercially sensitive
* disclosing the information would cause unreasonable harm to you or someone else
* you provide the information with an understanding that it will stay confidential.

#### When we may disclose confidential information

We may disclose confidential information:

* to our Commonwealth employees and contractors, to help us manage the program effectively
* to the Auditor-General, Ombudsman or Privacy Commissioner
* to the responsible Minister or Assistant Minister
* to a House or a Committee of the Australian Parliament.

We may also disclose confidential information if

* we are required or authorised by law to disclose it
* you agree to the information being disclosed, or
* someone other than us has made the confidential information public.

#### How we use your personal information

We must treat your personal information according to the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) and the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). This includes letting you know:

* what personal information we collect
* why we collect your personal information
* to whom we give your personal information.

We may give the personal information we collect from you to our employees and contractors, and other Commonwealth employees and contractors, so we can:

* manage the program
* research, assess, monitor and analyse our programs and activities.

We, or the Minister, may:

* announce the names of successful applicants to the public
* publish personal information on the department’s websites.

You may read our [Privacy Policy](https://www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/privacy-policy)[[6]](#footnote-7) on the department’s website for more information on:

* what is personal information
* how we collect, use, disclose and store your personal information
* how you can access and correct your personal information.

#### Freedom of information

All documents in the possession of the Australian Government, including those about the program, are subject to the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (Cth) (FOI Act)*.*

The purpose of the FOI Act is to give members of the public rights of access to information held by the Australian Government and its entities. Under the FOI Act, members of the public can seek access to documents held by the Australian Government. This right of access is limited only by the exceptions and exemptions necessary to protect essential public interests and private and business affairs of persons in respect of whom the information relates.

If someone requests a document under the FOI Act, we will release it (though we may need to consult with you and/or other parties first) unless it meets one of the exemptions set out in the FOI Act.

### Enquiries and feedback

For further information or clarification, you can contact us on 13 28 46 or by [web chat](https://www.business.gov.au/contact-us) or through our [online enquiry form](http://www.business.gov.au/contact-us/Pages/default.aspx) on business.gov.au.

We may publish answers to your questions on our website as Frequently Asked Questions.

Our [Customer Service Charter](https://www.business.gov.au/about/customer-service-charter) is available at [business.gov.au](http://www.business.gov.au/). We use customer satisfaction surveys to improve our business operations and service.

If you have a complaint, call us on 13 28 46. We will refer your complaint to the appropriate manager.

If you are not satisfied with the way we handle your complaint, you can contact:

General Manager
Business Grants Hub

Department of Industry, Science and Resources

GPO Box 2013
CANBERRA ACT 2601

You can also contact the [Commonwealth Ombudsman](http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/)[[7]](#footnote-8) with your complaint (call 1300 362 072). There is no fee for making a complaint, and the Ombudsman may conduct an independent investigation.

## Glossary

| **Term** | **Definition** |
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| Administering entity | The entity that is not responsible for the policy, however is responsible for the administration of part or all of the grant administration processes. |
| Application form | The document issued by the Program Delegate that applicants use to apply for funding under the program. |
| ANZSIC codes | [Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC), 2006 - Codes and Titles, 2006.](https://www.abs.gov.au/statistics/classifications/australian-and-new-zealand-standard-industrial-classification-anzsic/2006-revision-2-0/introduction) The standard industrial classification system underpinning ABS statistics whereby an individual business entity is assigned to an industry based on its predominant activity.  |
| Date of effect | Can be the date on which a grant agreement is signed or a specified starting date. Where there is no grant agreement, entities must publish information on individual grants as soon as practicable.  |
| Department  | Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR) |
| Eligible activities | The sale and supply of eligible equipment as set out in 5.1. |
| Eligible application | An application or proposal for grant funding under the program that the Program Delegate has determined is eligible in accordance with these guidelines. |
| Eligibility criteria | The mandatory criteria, which must be met to qualify for a grant (rebate).  |
| Eligible Equipment Supplier  | Suppliers have been selected through an EOI process and assessment of eligibility criteria.Guidance is provided at Appendix A. |
| Eligible expenditure | The expenditure incurred by an eligible equipment supplier on a project and which is eligible for funding support as set out in 5.2. |
| Eligible equipment | Equipment that is eligible for the rebate program.Guidance is provided at Appendix B |
| Grant funding or grant funds | The funding made available by the Commonwealth to grantees under the program. Grant funding is in the form of a rebate for this program. |
| [GrantConnect](http://www.grants.gov.au/) | The Australian Government’s whole-of-government grants information system, which centralises the publication and reporting of Commonwealth grants in accordance with the CGRGs. |
| Grantee | The recipient of grant (rebate) funding  |
| Guidelines | Guidelines that the Minister gives to the department to provide the framework for the administration of the program, as in force from time to time. |
| Hobby farmer | Farmers with an annual income, defined as the three-year average income from primary production, of less than $40,000. |
| Minister | The Commonwealth Minister for Communications |
| Personal information | Has the same meaning as in the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) which is:Information or an opinion about an identified individual, or an individual who is reasonably identifiable:whether the information or opinion is true or not; andwhether the information or opinion is recorded in a material form or not. |
| Program Delegate | A DISR manager/officer with responsibility for administering the program. |
| Primary Producer | A Primary Producer under this program must meet the eligibility criteria and operate in an eligible primary production activity. A Primary Producer must not be a hobby farmer. Refer to Appendix C |
| Primary Production Activities | Activities under ANZSIC codes listed under Appendix D |
| Program funding or Program funds | The funding made available by the Commonwealth for the program. |
| Project | A project described in an application for grant funding under the program. Under this program, project refers to the sale and supply of eligible equipment to an eligible primary producer. |
| Rebate | The grant funding of between $3,000 and $30,000 awarded in the form of a rebate to the Eligible Equipment Supplier following the sale of the eligible equipment. The eligible Primary Producer pays the cost of the eligible equipment less the confirmed rebate amount.  |

1. Eligible equipment suppliers

List sorted alphabetically by business name.

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| Name of Business | **Trading Name** | Website | ABN/ACN |
| A.J MCEVOY & K.L MURDOCK | **Pipeline Media and Digital Technologies** | https://pipelinemedia.com.au | 60 669 528 647 |
| AG LOGIC PTY LTD | **AG LOGIC**  | https://www.aglogic.com.au/ | 38 617 869 600 |
| AGCLOUD PTY LTD | **AGCLOUD**  | http://agcloud.com.au/ | 91 616 936 755 |
| AGSENSIO PTY LTD | **Zetifi** | https://zetifi.com/ | 98 621 129 244 |
| AQUAMONIX PTY LIMITED | **Aquamonix** | https://aquamonix.com.au | 26 609 047 878 |
| ARCOFLEX AUSTRALIA PTY LTD | **Arcoflex Australia** | https://www.arcoflex.com.au | 22 623 767 500 |
| AUSTRALASIAN RURAL PTY LTD | **PLF Australia**  | https://plfaustralia.com.au | 55 627 416 746 |
| BAKER AG ADVANTAGE PTY LTD | **BAKER AG ADVANTAGE PTY LTD** | - | 57 603 460 546 |
| BIOSCOUT PTY LTD | **BioScout** | https://www.bioscout.com.au | 95 623 718 007 |
| BITWISE AGRONOMY PTY LTD | **Bitwise Agronomy**  | https://bitwiseag.com | 89 636 001 182 |
| BLACKBURN, DOUGLAS WAYNE | **Doug Blackburn Air & Electrical** | https://www.airandelectrical.com.au/ | 39 699 713 803 |
| BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM PTY LTD | **Boehringer Ingelheim** | https://www.boehringer-ingelheim.com.au | 52 000 452 308 |
| BUSHMANS GROUP PTY LIMITED | **Bushmans Tanks** | https://www.bushmantanks.com.au | 54 137 242 347 |
| CLUBWEST CORPORATION PTY LTD | **Skysense Monitoring** | https://skysensemonitoring.com | 56 159 140 717 |
| CONNECTED FARMS PTY LTD | **Connected Farms** | https://www.connectedfarms.com.au/ | 95 636 300 984 |
| CRISP, WILLIAM PATRICK | **Encore Electrical and Entertainment Soluitiuons** | www.encoresolutions.com.au | 81 728 772 417 |
| DELTA AGRIBUSINESS PTY LTD | **Delta Agribusinesses** | https://www.deltaag.com.au/ | 93 118 781 445 |
| DISCOVERY AG PTY LTD | **Goanna Ag** | https://www.goannaag.com/ | 85 117 305 567 |
| ELDERS RURAL SERVICES AUSTRALIA LIMITED | **Elders** | https://elders.com.au/ | 72 004 045 121 |
| Farmacist Pty Ltd | **FARMACIST** | https://www.farmacist.com.au/ | 68 146 676 566 |
| FARMBOT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD | **Farmbot** | https://farmbot.com.au/ | 72 168 531 940 |
| Field Solutions Group Pty Ltd | **Field Solutions Group** | https://fieldsolutions-group.com/ | 62 155 490 074 |
| Name of Business | **Trading Name** | Website | ABN/ACN |
| GASBOT PTY LTD (Trading as AGBOT) | **Agbot** | https://agbot.tech/ | 26 632 266 016 |
| GMZ VENTURES PTY LTD | **Green Hat Energy Management** | https://www.greenhatsolutions.com.au/ | 69 634 542 368 |
| CropX Australia Pty Ltd | **Green Brain Pty Ltd** | https://greenbrain.ag/ | 41 672 820 370 |
| Groundwater Imaging Pty Ltd | **Groundwater Imaging** | https://groundwaterimaging.com.au/ | 65 120 800 179 |
| GUNTON, STEVEN ANTHONY | **Homewise Solutions** | https://homewisesolar.com.au/ | 12 086 468 130 |
| HALYTECH PTY LTD | **Halytech** | https://halytech.com.au/ | 51 094 853 068 |
| HILO LEVEL MONITORING AUSTRALIA LIMITED | **HiLo Monitoring Limited** | https://www.hilomonitoring.com/nz | 51 663 489 727 |
| HIVEIQ PTY LTD | **HiveIQ** | https://www.hiveiq.com.au/ | 23 652 697 982 |
| JEA Technologies Pty Ltd | **iLogic4G+** | https://jeatech.com.au/ | 76 6198 514 46  |
| INDICIUM DYNAMICS PTY LTD | **Indicium Dynamics** | https://www.indicium.cloud/ | 13 614 266 143 |
| Integration Precision Agriculture Pty Ltd | **Integration Precision Viticulture** | https://ipvit.com.au/ | 53 120 289 474 |
| INTERNET INNOVATIONS PTY LIMITED | **Internet Innovations** | https://internetinnovations.com.au/ | 37 621 468 899 |
| INTERVET AUSTRALIA PTY LIMITED | **MSD Animal Health** | https://www.msd-animal-health.com/ | 79 008 467 034 |
| IOT VENTURES LIMITED | **IoT Ventures** | https://www.iotventures.net/ | 78 833 690 839 |
| LAND WATCH PTY LTD | **Land Watch Australia** | https://www.landwatchaustralia.com.au/ | 51 623 169 077 |
| LX Pty Limited | **INCYT** | https://incyt.com.au/ | 76 147 808 982 |
| NATIONAL NARROWBAND NETWORK COMMUNICATIONS PTY LTD | **NNNCo** | https://www.nnnco.com.au/ | 62 605 767 913 |
| NB-TEC PTY LTD | **NB-Tec Pty Ltd** | www.nb-tec.com | 81 098 620 065 |
| NETWORK HOIST PTY LTD | **Network Hoist** | https://networkhoist.com/ | 41 661 294 944 |
| NORCO CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED | **Norco AgriSolutions** | www.norco.com.au | 17 009 717 417 |
| ORANGE TULIPS PTY LTD | **Integrated Irrigation** | http://integratedirrigation.com.au/ | 25 142 893 614 |
| OUTBACK IT & COMMUNICATION SERVICES PTY LTD | **Outback IT & Communication Services Pty Ltd** | www.outbackit.net.au | 83 654 906 215 |
| OUTCOMEX PTY LTD | **Outcomex** | www.outcomex.com.au | 73 614 725 736 |
| Name of Business | **Trading Name** | Website | ABN/ACN |
| PIVOTEL SATELLITE PTY LIMITED | **Pivotel Satellite**  | https://www.pivotel.com.au/ | 81 099 917 398 |
| PLATINUM AGRIBUSINESS PTY LTD | **Optiweigh** | www.optiweigh.com.au | 98 099 745 749 |
| POROSITY SERVICES PTY LIMITED | **Porosity Services Pty Ltd** | https://porosity.com.au/ | 47 126 945 239 |
| POWER, JOSEPH FRANCIS | **Rural Link Communications** | - | 94 643 853 468 |
| POWERTEC TELECOMMUNICATIONS PTY LTD | **Powertec Wireless Technology** | www.powertec.com.au | 42 082 948 463 |
| RDO EQUIPMENT PTY LTD | **RDO EQUIPMENT PTY LTD** | https://www.rdoequipment.com.au | 58 060 286 759 |
| REGIONAL COMMUNICATION SOLUTIONS PTY LTD | **Crisp IQ** | [www.crispiq.com.au](http://www.crispiq.com.au) | 80 169 687 482 |
| S & L BAILEY INVESTMENTS PTY LTD | **The Water Shed** | www.thewatershed.com.au | 25 611 600 465 |
| S.J MITCHELL & D.F STEWART | **AKA Primary Solutions** | www.akaps.com.au | 96 983 582 128 |
| SCHEDULE-IT PTY LTD | **SCHEDULE-IT PTY LTD** | www.schedule-it.com.au | 67 652 331 952 |
| SEMEX PTY LTD | **Semex** | www.semex.com.au | 14 083 268 660 |
| SENTEK PTY LTD | **Sentek Technologies** | www.sentek.com.au | 78 007 916 672 |
| SINGLE AGRICULTURE TRADING PTY LTD | **Single Agriculture** | www.singleagriculture.com.au | 86 629 872 822 |
| SMART PADDOCK PTY LTD | **Smart Paddock** | https://www.smartpaddock.com/ | 72 620 505 811 |
| SUPPLANT AUSTRALIA PTY LTD | **Supplant Australia** | https://supplant.me/ | 15 649 657 590 |
| TELCO ANTENNAS PTY LTD | **TELCO ANTENNAS PTY LTD** | www.telcoantennas.com.au | 30 145 543 951 |
| The Trustee for BJR FAMILY TRUST | **BHSystems** | www.bhsystems.com.au | 66 562 330 655 |
| The Trustee for C.D. Matters Trust | **Total Antenna** | www.totalantenna.com.au  | 71 745 226 750 |
| The Trustee for Farmo Unit Trust | **Farmo** | https://www.farmo.com.au/ | 99 783 264 346 |
| The Trustee for Great Northern Tanks | **Great Northern Tanks** | https://greatnortherntanks.com.au/ | 94 741 095 270 |
| The trustee for L & M Wilksch Family Trust | **Agbyte** | www.agbyte.com.au | 14 880 423 286 |
| THE TRUSTEE FOR LUBRICON HYDRIVE UNIT TRUST | **AFLO Equipment** | https://aflo.com.au/ | 45 763 829 179 |
| Name of Business | **Trading Name** | Website | ABN/ACN |
| The Trustee for PAStech Unit Trust | **PAStech** | https://pastech.com.au/ | 63 495 639 669 |
| The Trustee for S A MIRANDA FAMILY TRUST | **Zepiro** | https://zepiro.tech/ | 71 689 962 713 |
| TIE UP FARMING PTY LTD | **TieUp Farming** | www.tieupfarming.com | 18 620 698 893 |
| TOBIAS INDUSTRIES PTY LTD | **TOBIAS INDUSTRIES PTY LTD** | https://tobiasindustries.com/ | 23 645 361 726 |
| TOIP PTY LTD | **TOIP PTY LTD** | https://www.toip.net.au/ | 15 151 575 138 |
| VEITCHE PTY LTD | **Nutrient Services WA** | - | 54 070 102 171 |
| WATER SUPPLEMENTS IN SOLUTIONS PTY LTD | **WATER SUPPLEMENTS IN SOLUTIONS** | https://www.watersupp.com/ | 84 092 508 239 |
| WI-SKY (NSW) PTY LTD | **WI-SKY**  | www.wi-sky.com.au | 47 604 954 163 |
| XSIGHTS DIGITAL PTY LTD | **XSIGHTS DIGITAL** | www.xsights.io | 45 623 659 932 |
| YAWURU TECHNOLOGY GROUP PTY LTD | **YAWURU TECHNOLOGY GROUP** | https://yawuruitgroup.net/ | 24 631 565 805 |

1. List of eligible connectivity solutions and equipment

This section provides guidance on the eligibility of expenditure. We may update this guidance from time to time; check you are referring to the most current version from the [business.gov.au](https://www.business.gov.au) website before preparing your application.

The Program Delegate makes the final decision on what is eligible expenditure and may give additional guidance on eligible expenditure if required.

To be eligible, expenditure must:

* be incurred by you within the project period
* be a direct cost of the project
* meet the eligible expenditure guidelines.

There are five broad categories of eligible connectivity solutions and associated eligible equipment:

The broad categories of eligible connectivity solutions can be delivered through LPWAN, satellite cellular and/or Wi-Fi technology.

* Low Power Wide Area Networks (LPWAN), including:
	+ LoRaWAN
	+ NarrowBand-IoT (NB-IoT)
	+ SigFox
	+ CAT-M1
	+ LTE-M technology
* Connectivity equipment:
	+ antennas
	+ beacons
	+ radio transmitters
	+ boosters and repeaters
	+ gateways and routers
	+ portable hotspots
* Environmental monitoring:
	+ soil moisture probes
	+ microclimate monitor
	+ weather monitors
	+ plant growth monitors
	+ water quality monitors
	+ water flow and pressure monitors
* Farm management:
	+ cameras
	+ asset trackers
	+ battery monitors
	+ staff safety monitors
	+ fence monitors
	+ silo and storage monitors
	+ liquid level monitors
	+ livestock monitoring systems
* Remote automation and control
	+ Valve and irrigation controllers
	+ Pump controllers
	+ Aeration controllers

Other eligible expenditure items are:

* subscriptions for data aggregation platforms and software (including farm management software) that accompany the purchase of eligible connectivity solutions and associated equipment to a maximum of 10 per cent of the total equipment purchase price
* cost of training in the operation of connectivity solutions and associated equipment to a maximum of 10 per cent of the total equipment purchase price
* cost of delivery and installation
* contingency of up to 20 per cent above the listed eligible equipment price to account for changes in price if required.
1. Eligibility criteria for Primary Producers

The Primary Producer will be invited through the portal to provide a declaration that they meet the eligibility criteria. The declaration includes the following information.

To be eligible, a primary producer must

* □ have an ABN
* □ carry out primary production activities under one of the eligible ANZSIC codes (refer to Appendix D)
* □ Have an average annual gross income between $40,000 and $2 million (i.e. total revenue before expenses and tax) over 3 previous full financial years
* □ not be a hobby farmer.

The Primary Producer will also be asked to provide:

* □ name, email address and phone number
* □ ABN
* □ address where the connectivity solution will be installed and used

We will confirm eligibility with the Primary Producer through an emailed portal invitation which is linked to your application.

Once confirmed as an eligible Primary Producer we will monitor the total amount of equipment purchased against the Primary Producer ABN across applications submitted by you and other Eligible Equipment Suppliers up to the maximum rebate of $30,000. You will be notified if the Primary Producer has already reached the maximum threshold and the application is ineligible for the rebate.

Primary Producers may be contacted after the rebate has been claimed as part of the Program evaluation.

1. Eligible ANZSIC codes

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| **ANZSIC 2006 Division, Subdivision, Group and Class Codes and Titles** |
| **A** | **Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing** |
|  | 01 | Agriculture |  |
|  |  | 011 | Nursery and Floriculture Production |
|  |  |  | 0111 | Nursery Production (Under Cover) |
|  |  |  | 0112 | Nursery Production (Outdoors) |
|  |  |  | 0113 | Turf Growing |
|  |  |  | 0114 | Floriculture Production (Under Cover) |
|  |  |  | 0115 | Floriculture Production (Outdoors) |
|  |  | 012 | Mushroom and Vegetable Growing |
|  |  |  | 0121 | Mushroom Growing |
|  |  |  | 0122 | Vegetable Growing (Under Cover) |
|  |  |  | 0123 | Vegetable Growing (Outdoors) |
|  |  | 013 | Fruit and Tree Nut Growing |
|  |  |  | 0131 | Grape Growing |
|  |  |  | 0132 | Kiwifruit Growing |
|  |  |  | 0133 | Berry Fruit Growing |
|  |  |  | 0134 | Apple and Pear Growing |
|  |  |  | 0135 | Stone Fruit Growing |
|  |  |  | 0136 | Citrus Fruit Growing |
|  |  |  | 0137 | Olive Growing |
|  |  |  | 0139 | Other Fruit and Tree Nut Growing |
|  |  | 014 | Sheep, Beef Cattle and Grain Farming |
|  |  |  | 0141 | Sheep Farming (Specialised) |
|  |  |  | 0142 | Beef Cattle Farming (Specialised) |
|  |  |  | 0143 | Beef Cattle Feedlots (Specialised) |
|  |  |  | 0144 | Sheep-Beef Cattle Farming |
|  |  |  | 0145 | Grain-Sheep or Grain-Beef Cattle Farming |
|  |  |  | 0146 | Rice Growing |
|  |  |  | 0149 | Other Grain Growing |
|  |  | 015 | Other Crop Growing |
|  |  |  | 0151 | Sugar Cane Growing |
|  |  |  | 0152 | Cotton Growing |
|  |  |  | 0159 | Other Crop Growing n.e.c. |
|  |  | 016 | Dairy Cattle Farming |
|  |  |  | 0160 | Dairy Cattle Farming |
|  |  | 017 | Poultry Farming |
|  |  |  | 0171 | Poultry Farming (Meat) |
|  |  |  | 0172 | Poultry Farming (Eggs) |
|  |  | 018 | Deer Farming |  |
|  |  |  | 0180 | Deer Farming |
|  |  | 019 | Other Livestock Farming |
|  |  |  | 0191 | Horse Farming |
|  |  |  | 0192 | Pig Farming |
|  |  |  | 0193 | Beekeeping |
|  | 02 | Aquaculture |  |
|  |  | 020 | Aquaculture |  |
|  |  |  | 0201 | Offshore Longline and Rack Aquaculture |
|  |  |  | 0202 | Offshore Caged Aquaculture |
|  |  |  | 0203 | Onshore Aquaculture |
|  | 03 | Forestry and Logging |  |
|  |  | 030 | Forestry and Logging |
|  |  |  | 0301 | Forestry |

1. Ineligible ANZSIC codes

All activities that fall under all other ANZSIC codes are ineligible.

For clarification, the following ANZSIC codes that sit within the 2006 Class are ineligible.

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| **ANZSIC 2006 Division, Subdivision, Group and Class Codes and Titles** |
| **Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing** |
|  |  |  | 0199 | Other Livestock Farming n.e.c. |
|  |  |  | 0302 | Logging |
|  | 04 | Fishing, Hunting and Trapping |
|  |  | 041 | Fishing |  |
|  |  |  | 0411 | Rock Lobster and Crab Potting |
|  |  |  | 0412 | Prawn Fishing |
|  |  |  | 0413 | Line Fishing |
|  |  |  | 0414 | Fish Trawling, Seining and Netting |
|  |  |  | 0419 | Other Fishing |
|  |  | 042 | Hunting and Trapping |
|  |  |  | 0420 | Hunting and Trapping |
|  | 05 | Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing Support Services |
|  |  | 051 | Forestry Support Services |
|  |  |  | 0510 | Forestry Support Services |
|  |  | 052 | Agriculture and Fishing Support Services |
|  |  |  | 0521 | Cotton Ginning |
|  |  |  | 0522 | Shearing Services |
|  |  |  | 0529 | Other Agriculture and Fishing Support Services |

1. <https://www.finance.gov.au/government/commonwealth-grants/commonwealth-grants-rules-guidelines> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. See Australian Taxation Office ruling GSTR 2012/2 available at ato.gov.au [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. See glossary [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. https://www.legislation.gov.au/Details/C2019C00057 [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. <https://www.industry.gov.au/sites/default/files/July%202018/document/pdf/conflict-of-interest-and-insider-trading-policy.pdf?acsf_files_redirect> [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. <https://www.industry.gov.au/data-and-publications/privacy-policy> [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
7. <http://www.ombudsman.gov.au/> [↑](#footnote-ref-8)