

Federal Budget 2020-21 Economic Recovery Plan for Australia – Measures relevant to charities, not-for-profits and philanthropic organisations

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The Treasurer delivered the Federal Budget on 6 October 2020.

Set out below is a list of the measures relevant to charities, not-for-profits and philanthropic organisations. Many of these measures will not apply until implemented by specific legislation.

All page numbers refer to *Budget Paper No. 2 2020-21* which is available with overview and snapshots and other papers from <https://budget.gov.au/>.

1 REGULATOR

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Review Program (p. 160)

- \$2.9m over three years from 2020-21 to implement a program of field-based compliance reviews to intervene where charities are at risk of failing to meet their obligations under ACNC governance standards.

2 EDUCATION & RESEARCH

JobMaker Plan – higher education – additional support for students and education providers (p. 225)

- Additional \$903.5m over four years from 2020-21 to provide more places and support for people wanting to access higher education due to the impact of COVID-19.

JobMaker – Research Package (p. 79)

- \$1bn to safeguard research sector against impacts of COVID-19.

COVID-19 Research & Development (p. 93)

Covers research and development concerning:

- Secure access to potential vaccines developed by Oxford and Queensland Universities - \$1.7bn;
- COVAX facility (provide Australians with largest portfolio of vaccine candidates in the world) \$123; and
- Funding for research and development of COVID-19 vaccines at Australian universities - \$6m.

Students Support Package (p. 99)

- \$146.3m over five years from 2020-21 for a package of initiatives to improve education outcomes for young Australians. Includes:
 - \$39.8m over four years from 2020-21 for the Clontarf Foundation;
 - \$38.2m over four years from 2020-21 for The Smith Family;
 - \$5.8m over four years from 2020-21 for Good to Great Schools Australia;
 - \$3.0m over four years from 2020-21 to the Islamic Museum of Australia;



- \$3.0m over four years from 2020-21 to the Anti-Defamation Commission;
- \$0.5m over five years from 2020-21 to increase Government's funding of Fulbright scholarships to Australian citizens to take part in exchanges to USA;
- \$25m over five years from 2020-21 to overcome educational challenges from COVID-19; and
- \$27.3m for young Australians in STEM, including:
 - \$9.6m over five years from 2020-21 to Australian Academy of Science;
 - \$5.7m over five years from 2020-21 to expand Early Learning STEM Australia program;
 - \$4.8m over five years from 2020-21 for STEM teaching development;
 - \$4.4 over five years to support disadvantaged 3-5-year olds through The Smith Family's *Let's Count* program; and
 - \$2.8m over five years from 2020-21 to Froebel Australia (early learning).

3 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND SUPPORT

JobMaker Plan – Second Women's Economic Security Package (p. 67).

This is a \$240.4m package with the purpose of delivering employment opportunities, support to parents and support for women in the workplace. The package includes:

- Women@Work Plan - \$50m;
- Boosting Female Founders initiative - \$35.9m; and
- 500 STEM Industry Cadetships or Advanced Apprenticeships - \$25.1m.

4 FOREIGN AID

Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific – support for Solomon Islands Electricity Authority (p. 86)

- Financing package to the Solomon Islands Electricity Authority, through Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility.

COVID-19 Response Package – COVID-19 Vaccine Access and Health Security Program – support to the Pacific and Southeast Asian Countries (p. 87)

- \$23.2m over three years from 2020-21 to DFAT to support national immunization policies in the Pacific, Timor-Leste and several Southeast Asian countries to ensure the effective delivery of COVID-19 vaccines.

COVID-19 Response Package – support to the Pacific and Timor-Leste (p. 87)

- \$304.7m over two years from 2020-21 to support Pacific Island countries and Timor Leste to recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

Humanitarian Program 2020-21 (p. 108)

- Overall reduction in expenditure of \$958.3m.

National Action Plan to Combat Modern Slavery 2020-25 (p. 110)

- \$10.6m over five years from 2020-21 to deliver community-based projects to prevent modern slavery.

Privileges and Immunities – clarify income tax exemptions available to individuals engaged by the IMF and World Bank Group (p. 22)

- Privileges and immunities to Australian individuals performing short-term missions on behalf of IMF or World Bank Group to be clarified and applied retrospectively from 1 July 2017.

5 HEALTH

Ongoing Funding for Frontline Social Services Impacted by the Cessation of the Social and Community Services Special Account (p. 157).

- This funding amounts to \$132.6m over four years from 2020-21 for frontline social services.

6 HOUSING

Funding for Remote Indigenous Housing in Queensland (p. 147)

- \$100.0m in 2020-21 to Queensland towards costs associated with provision of remote housing.

Equity Injection to the Indigenous Home Ownership Program (p. 12)

- As part of the Government's Closing the Gap targets, \$150.0m over three years from 2020-21 to Indigenous Business Australia for new housing construction loans.

Social Housing

- The budget does not provide for funding to be directed specifically towards social housing.

7 DEDUCTIBLE GIFT RECIPIENTS: SPECIFIC LISTINGS

- **Updates to the list of specifically listed deductible gift recipients** (pp. 21, 189)

The following organisations have been specifically listed as DGRs from the following dates (all since *July 2020 Economic and Fiscal Update*):

- Royal Agricultural Society Foundation Limited from 1 July 2020;
- Judith Neilson Institute for Journalism and Ideas from 1 July 2020;
- The Andy Thomas Space Foundation from 1 July 2020;
- The Royal Humane Society of NSW from 1 July 2020;
- Youthsafe from 1 July 2020; and
- The Great Synagogue Foundation Trust Fund from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2025.

The specific listing of China Matters Limited from 1 July 2019 to 30 June 2024 will not proceed.



- **Extensions of deductible gift recipient status**

The following organisations have received approval for an extension of their DGR status for the following dates:

- Sydney Chevra Kadisha from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2022, to extend this organisation's DGR status by 18 months; and
- Centre for Entrepreneurial Research and Innovation Limited will retain DGR status from 31 December 2021 onwards.

8 SPORT AND RECREATION

- **Total expenses related to sport and recreation** expected to increase by 10% from 2019-20 to 2020-21, and decrease by 47.2% from 2020-21 to 2023-24 due to: 2019-20 spending being pushed back as a result of COVID-19 and completion of elements of national sport plan 2030 (*Budget Paper No. 1* p. 6-30).
- **Australian Sports Foundation capacity boost** (p. 91)
 - \$4.7m to the Australian Sports Foundation.
 - For: capacity of community sport clubs and enhancing organisation's IT network and cyber security.
- **FIFA Women's World Cup 2023** (p. 92)
 - \$2.4m to Football Federation Australia to commence planning and delivery of FIFA Women's World Cup 2023.
 - Additional funding to be provided over three years from 2020-21 for direct delivery.

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