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The Premier's Discretionary Fund has been operating annually for more than twenty years.

Premiers receive requests for funding from a range of sources both in person and through correspondence from Members of Parliament, Non-Government Organisations, community groups and members of the public. Any MP or organisation can seek support from the Premier's Discretionary Fund.

DPC manages the administration of the Premier's Discretionary Fund and ensures all funding is appropriately managed and acquitted.

All successfully funded projects are listed annually in the Department of Premier and Cabinet's Annual Report.

There is no requirement for Ministers (or the Premier) to declare a conflict of interest unless a decision may confer a private benefit on the Minister/Premier or any of their family members. This rule applies to any decision made in relation to the Premier's Discretionary Fund.

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