

BUSHFIRE LOCAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY (BLER) PACKAGE AUSTRALIAN AND NSW GOVERNMENT CO-FUNDING – OVER \$500 MILLION				
STAGE 1		STAGE 2		STAGE 3
EARLY CO-FUNDING - \$180 million  Announced October / November 2020		OPEN ROUND - \$250 million  Announcements from June 2021		FUTURE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS
Bushfire Industry Recovery Package – Sector Development Grants  50 projects - \$72.3 million	Fast-tracked known, shovel-ready infrastructure projects  22 projects - \$107.8 million	BLER Fund Open Round  > 650 applications received requesting over \$1.6 billion. Under Assessment.		NSW continues to work with the Commonwealth government to consider the final projects and other initiatives to be funded in the overall BLER package in NSW.  <div>Document tendered by Hon Courtney Hawes Received by Tina Mrozowski Date: 26 / 04 / 2021 Resolved to publish Yes / No</div>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>50 industry recovery projects through the the Bushfire Industry Recovery Package Sector Development Grants</li><li>Open application round with guidelines</li><li>Competitive, merit-based assessment</li><li>Open October-July 2020</li><li>Widely promoted and advertised</li><li>178 applications received requesting \$275.9 million</li><li>Targeted six key industries: Forestry, Dairy, Apiculture, Horticulture, Viticulture, Aquaculture</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>22 fast-tracked local priority projects in high and moderate bushfire impacted areas</li><li>Projects identified through an internal Department process to rapidly identify and review projects</li><li>Projects required to be:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>shovel ready; and</li><li>align with Local or Regional Recovery Action Plans, NSW Regional Economic Development Strategies Bushfire Addenda or other community and council recovery priorities</li><li>meet the national Local Economic Recovery Framework</li></ul></li><li>Process leveraged project pipeline of other NSW Government grant programs and local consultations</li><li>Threshold of \$1 million+ set to deliver significant economic benefits and in context of other funding opportunities</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Open application round with public guidelines</li><li>Competitive, merit-based assessment</li><li>Opened for applications 27 October 2020 and closed 28 January 2021</li><li>Widely promoted and advertised</li><li>Open program will prioritise funding to the highest impacted areas. This will ensure funding will be provided to areas that did not have a fast-tracked project.</li><li>Will fund projects that retain and create new jobs in regional areas, build resilience and increase preparedness for future bushfire seasons</li><li>More than 650 applications received requesting over \$1.6 billion</li><li>Projects anticipated to be announced from June 2021</li></ul>		