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Dear Mr Creighton

I am pleased to advise you that the Hon Catherine King MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (the Minister), as the decision-maker for the Growing Regions Program has approved funding up to \$4,493,776 (GST exclusive) Wagga Wagga City Council for the Lake Albert Water Sports and Event Precinct project to proceed under the Growing Regions Program – Round 1.

I would ask you to keep the details of this letter under embargo until the Minister has publicly announced the outcome of the round.

This approval delivers on the Australian Government's commitment of \$600 million for the Growing Regions program, to be delivered over two \$300 million rounds. We are working towards the implementation of the program and will provide you with further advice regarding next steps shortly. We acknowledge that this process has taken longer than originally anticipated, and as such, we can confirm that projects will not be required to commence by 15 May 2024.

Please note the provision of this funding is dependent on the preparation and execution of a funding agreement. The Funding Agreement will set out the terms and conditions under which the funding is provided. Therefore, you must not make any financial commitments for the project until a funding agreement has been executed. Execution means both you and the funding body have accepted the agreement. We are not responsible for any expenditure you incur and payments cannot be made until an agreement is executed. Further advice on the funding agreement will be provided in due course.

Further information about the implementation arrangements for the Growing Regions Program will be provided before the end of this financial year.

Please advise the Business Grants Hub by close of business on 22 May 2024 if the delay to the project commencement means that you are no longer able to proceed with your project as stated in your application. The Business Grants Hub can be contacted by email at Growing.Regions@industry.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Clare Chapple', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Clare Chapple
First Assistant Secretary
14 May 2024