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# Outback Futures Welcome!



**Government  
of South Australia**



**Outback  
Communities  
Authority**

# Acknowledgement of country

- *I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet today and pay my respects to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are present today.*

# Introductions: who's in our room?

- Authority members:
  - Jo Fort, Frances Frahn, Sam Johnson, Bill McIntosh, Tony Vaughan, Trevor Wright (apologies from Lee Warmington)
- OCA staff:
  - Mark Sutton, Marg Howard (I'll be facilitating the session)

# Housekeeping

- One person to talk at a time!
- Good etiquette: microphones off unless otherwise requested
- Cameras off (will help with bandwidth)
- Questions through chat during session
- We are recording today's session

# Purpose of today's session

- To provide the Authority's view of how it proposes to resolve the financial future of the Outback and its communities
- Answer questions of clarification

# But first...

- Let's find out who's here today and where you're all from...
- Please answer in 'chat'
- (and during the session if you have questions please add them to 'chat' and we'll get to them...)

# Recommendations to the Minister in December included:

- the OCA's commitment to a shared responsibility financial model
- further consideration of an Outback Levy
- additional time to resolve the details of a proposed financial model
- the need for additional State Government funding to address those services that primarily provide public benefit across the region

# The Government's response to the recommendations included:

- a commitment to the shared responsibility financial model
- recognition of the additional support required for the OCA to deliver services that are critical to the safety and amenity of visitors to the Outback
- a role for government in matching funds raised by Outback residents to pay for services that support the Outback as a whole as well as communities



# Public benefit services: fully funded by State Government

- Cleaning and maintenance of public toilets
- Maintenance of the UHF repeater network
- Maintenance of airstrips
- Compliance function (85% of the cost)
- Maintenance of public open space areas in towns, including collection of public waste

# Resident benefit services: shared funding – residents and Government

- Street Lights
- Insurance
- Special waste collection
- Panel of providers fund
- Compliance function (15% of the cost)
- Additional Community Development Officers
- Community event fund
- Additional municipal and administrative support for communities (currently CARM)

# Community Based Enhanced Services

- For those communities that wish to access services over and above those provided through public and resident benefit the OCA will negotiate a subsidized Community Contribution Scheme

# Outback Funding Communities Model

- The OCA will be recommending:
- For residences and vacant blocks:
  - No more than \$250 per annum\*
- For primary producers, commercial enterprises and industrial operations:
  - No more than \$980 per annum\*

\*Capped indefinitely in legislation  
with only CPI increases

# Questions? Where from here?



# Feedback

[oca@sa.gov.au](mailto:oca@sa.gov.au)

by COB Monday April 11 2022

# Where from here?

- Recommendations to Government May 2022
- In the continued spirit of openness and transparency – feedback to communities once available
- The Authority's plan for next steps

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Thank you!