

Round Three of the On Farm Connectivity Program Launched

Description

The Albanese Government today announced further support for on farm connectivity, with an additional \$20 million investment in a new round of the hugely successful On Farm Connectivity Program (OFCP).

Following the success of OFCP Round 1, the Albanese Government boosted Round 2 funding to \$18 million in 2024, and expanded eligibility criteria so more farmers could take part.

Round 3 will open for applications later in 2025, with grant funding to be delivered in 2025-26.

Prior to Round 3 opening for applications, the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts will review the grant guidelines and processes, ensuring the program is optimising opportunities for farmers and best addressing connectivity gaps.

This includes consultation with the agriculture industry and local communities on how the program can be further improved, including discussions already underway with the National Farmers' Federation (NFF).

The OFCP is part of the Albanese Government's \$1.1 billion Better Connectivity Plan for Regional and Rural Australia, delivering improved connectivity and communications resilience across the country.

Find out more about the program in the <u>government media release</u> or through our <u>On Farm Connectivity Information Service</u>. You can also read the NFF media release here.

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