

National Cabinet Reform Committees and Council on Federal Financial Relations Priorities for 2021

Health

Strengthen the health system response to COVID-19 and promote COVID-19 recovery, while pursuing reforms that improve health outcomes and support economic growth and job creation

- Deliver a National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement.
- Develop data-driven health system reforms that improve outcomes for all Australians and support economic growth and job creation.
- Ensure reforms are consistent with principles of safety and quality, equity, sustainability and efficiency.

Energy

Ensure an affordable and reliable energy system, supporting job-creation and economic growth

- Ensure a resilient energy system through a balanced mix of technologies.
- Prioritise the interests of consumers: access to the right services at the right price.
- Deliver a market design for the National Electricity Market post-2025.
- Deliver gas market reforms to unlock new gas supply, improve competition in the market and better regulate pipelines.

Infrastructure and Transport

Expedite infrastructure projects, drive job creation through infrastructure investment, support the COVID-19 recovery and improve the efficiency of the transport system

- Improve collaboration between governments, infrastructure and transport bodies and the private sector on infrastructure and transport policy.
- Expedite major infrastructure project approval processes.
- Optimise Australia's Transport System.
- Optimise National Freight productivity.

Rural and Regional

Promote economic growth and job creation in rural and regional Australia following the acute impacts of COVID-19

- Improve delivery and outcomes from rural and regional policies, programs and projects.
- Advance a data-driven, place-based approach to support targeted intervention in rural and regional areas to support recovery.
- Receive input from Local Government Ministers and work closely with ALGA.

Skills

Support the reforms in the Heads of Agreement on Skills Reform

- Deliver a new National Skills Agreement.
- Ensure VET is relevant and responsive to employers, industry and learners.
- Support public confidence in the quality and value of VET for learners throughout their lives and moving it to parity with the higher education system.
- Make information and training accessible for all learners and employers.
- Ensure flexibility for States and Territories to respond to local training priorities, and support for a viable and robust system of public, private and not for profit providers.

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Monitor economic conditions and consider appropriate reform options to support job creation

- Take responsibility for negotiating new and managing existing funding agreements between the Commonwealth, States and Territories, including National Partnership Agreements.
- Progress targeted deregulatory reforms, including Automatic Mutual Recognition of Occupational Registrations.
- Review the Federation Funding Agreement Framework.
- Deliver a new National Skills Agreement and a National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Agreement.
- Progress tax reform.