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Media Release: \$2 million for projects in Hawker, Quorn and region

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Eleven projects in the Hawker and Quorn regions of South Australia will be funded under the Australian Government's Community Benefit Programme.

The program is part of the process to identify a site for a National Radioactive Waste Management Facility to manage Australia's low and intermediate level radioactive waste.

The Minister for Resources and Northern Australia, Senator Matt Canavan, said the funding supports the region around a successfully shortlisted site, acknowledging the community's contribution to this national project and short-term disruption while detailed technical reviews and community engagement were conducted to determine the site's suitability.

"The applications covered activities ranging from support for tourism, economic and business development and community improvement in the local region," Senator Canavan said.

"The projects selected all demonstrate social and economic benefits to the local region around the nominated site on Wallerberdina Station, near Hawker, in South Australia.

"These applications were considered using a merit assessment process and taking into account input from the community."

The program received 17 applications. The projects selected include support for:

- the development of an undercover fish and plant growing facility venture near Quorn;
- a significant refurbishment of the historic Hawker Institute building;
- installation of two purpose-built aged care independent living units in Hawker, and
- the installation of disabled amenities at the Hawker racetrack.

“Even though the program guidelines did not require matching contributions, the 11 approved projects will receive an additional \$391,033 in cash and in-kind contributions creating a total investment of almost \$2.4 million,” Senator Canavan said.

A list of successful projects is available at:
www.business.gov.au/NRWMFCBPsuccessfulprojects

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