

## Round 9 Process Flowchart

### Governance

The ARP team and independent social researchers worked with sector partners and stakeholders to inform a review of Phase 2 and priorities for Phase 3.



ARP Reference Group guided design of Phase 3, Round 9 and the assessment criteria for each fund.



An independent Probity Auditor was appointed, to confirm the processes set out in the guidelines are followed.



The Minister for the Environment approved the Round 9 Grant Guidelines and the intent and objectives of Phase 3 and Round 9 including having three funds (Sustain, Activate and Prepare).

### Assessment Process

The grant round opens.



Applicants complete the application form online and submit it.



Applications are checked for eligibility.



Eligible applications are provided to the Assessment Panel. Each panel member undertakes an assessment on their own, including giving scores.



The Panel comes together to discuss the applications and all agree on final scores for all eligible applications allowing a ranking of projects.



The Panel makes a recommendation to the Minister for the Environment about which applications are preferred, and how much funding to offer each applicant.



The Minister for the Environment makes a decision about which applications are successful, and authorises the ARP to make a funding offer.



Successful applicants accept the funding offer, and begin negotiating a funding agreement, including a payment schedule.



The funding agreement is signed by the recipient and DBCA. The first payments can be sent to recipients and the project can begin.

