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Comments from Australia on Approval by mail: First tranche of the MDB project preparation and supervision budget to prepare the global component of the Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

Dear Patricia

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the first tranche of the MDB project preparation and supervision budget to prepare the global component of the *Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities*.

Could you please clarify what are the agreed benchmarks for MDB preparation and supervision costs for projects under the Strategic Climate Fund? I had difficulty finding this information on the CIF website and it would be useful to understand the calculation of the estimated budget of USD 600,000 for preparation and supervision costs.

Kind regards,
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