

Joint Steering Committee for Remote Housing Northern Territory

Communiqué

9 May 2024

The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) held its twentieth meeting on Thursday 9 May 2024 in Alice Springs. Representatives from the Australian Government's National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA), the Northern Territory (NT) Government's Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities, Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics and Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, Anindilyakwa Land Council, Central Land Council, Northern Land Council and Aboriginal Housing Northern Territory were in attendance.

The Hon Selena Uibo, the NT Minister for Remote Housing and Homelands attended the meeting, thanking JSC members for their significant efforts to improve housing outcomes in remote communities and homelands. The Minister provided an update on the Australian and NT Governments joint, \$4 billion 10-year commitment for remote housing, noting JSC's role in guiding this investment is critical.

Partnership Agreement for Remote Housing and Homelands

JSC members discussed the formal Partnership Agreement that will support future funding agreements for remote housing and homelands. Members have contributed to a number of drafting sessions to develop the Partnership Agreement, which will shortly progress for signature by all parties.

Members also discussed the JSC Work Plan, how Working Groups are informing implementation of the investment and opportunities for the Working Groups to continue under future arrangements.

Capital Works Delivery in Remote Communities

The NT Government provided an update on housing delivery to remote communities and town camps under the 1-year Remote Housing Federation Funding Agreement. Members noted the target of delivering 157 houses under the agreement was achieved in April 2024, with delivery continuing.

Homelands

The NT Government provided an update on the \$100 million Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program which is delivering urgent repairs and maintenance to housing and infrastructure across NT homelands.

JSC members also discussed implementation of the Commonwealth's additional \$120 million commitment for homelands over 3 years, which will continue delivering repairs and maintenance to housing and essential infrastructure.

Essential services

The NT Government provided an update on formation of the Essential Services Working Group. JSC members endorsed the Group's Terms of Reference, and the Stakeholder Mapping exercise undertaken by the Group to inform their Work Plan.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 26 September 2024.



Australian Government

