

Joint Steering Committee for Remote Housing Northern Territory

Communiqué 28 March 2025

The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) held its 22nd meeting on 28 March 2025 in Darwin. Representatives were in attendance from the:

- Australian Government's National Indigenous Australians Agency
- Northern Territory (NT) Government's Department of Logistics and Infrastructure
- NT Government's Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development
- Anindilyakwa Land Council
- Central Land Council
- Northern Land Council
- Tiwi Land Council
- Aboriginal Housing NT

NT Remote Housing Agreements

The 2024-25 Annual Remote Housing Work Plan, which outlines planned capital works and property and tenancy management service delivery under the NT Remote Housing Agreement 2024-34, was approved by members. Members noted housing delivery was well progressed, with the NT Government on-track to build 270 houses in communities with significant levels of overcrowding by 30 June 2025.

The NT Government provided an update on the development of the 2024-34 Remote Housing Capital Works Program. Members noted a long-term approach is required to commit planning resources, undertake procurement and engage contractors and this will assist with mitigating risks with long lead times for subdivision and housing works.

Partnership Agreement for Remote Housing and Homelands Implementation

Members discussed the approach to delivering on the key commitments under the Partnership Agreement and Federation Funding Agreements and noted the importance of working in partnership to develop an overarching implementation plan.

Members also discussed commitments to deliverables including property and tenancy management.

Members agreed to participate in workshops out-of-session to progress implementation deliverables.

Members agreed to update the JSC's Terms of Reference and workings groups as a priority.

Homelands

Members reflected on long-time calls from Aboriginal Territorians, Land Councils and AHNT to fund new housing builds on homelands. Members discussed challenges and agreed to participate in a strategic workshop to identify solutions in partnership.

Members discussed the progress of works being delivered under the Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program (HHIP), the Australian Government's \$220 million investment in housing and essential infrastructure on NT homelands. The Northern Land Council's HHIP Regional Work Plan 2024-27, which outlines the projects to be delivered in NLC regions over the coming years, was approved by members.

Members committed to participating in a strategic workshop on longer-term homelands policy ahead of the next JSC meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in June 2025.



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