

Joint Steering Committee to the National Partnership for Remote Housing NT

Communique – Meeting #4



The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) held its fourth meeting via video conference on 14 May 2020. Representatives from Anindilyakwa Land Council, the Australian Government National Indigenous Australians Agency, Central Land Council, Northern Land Council, Northern Territory Government, and Tiwi Land Council were in attendance. All JSC members acknowledged the impact COVID-19 has had on all parties to the JSC, as well as works under the National Partnership for Remote Housing Northern Territory (NPRHNT).

Capital Works Plan for 2019-20

The JSC were provided with a proposed schedule for the Capital Works Plan Stage 1, noting the schedule was established prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. The schedule will need to be reviewed, when further information is released on the current travel restrictions in the Northern Territory.

Additionally, the JSC were provided with a proposed Capital Works Plan Stage 2, for approval from the Government JSC members. The Capital Works Plan Stage 2 addresses the remaining bedrooms required under the NPRHNT. JSC members agreed to a week extension, to allow members ample consideration time of the proposed Capital Works Plan Stage 2.

Joint Review of the Remote Housing and Leasing Models Subcommittee

The Joint Review of the Remote Housing and Leasing Models Subcommittee is working through the draft leasing review. The work of the Subcommittee has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which reduced member's ability to meet, and the consultant's ability to conduct follow up conversations to finalise recommendations. The Subcommittee noted that as the pandemic eases, members can begin to refocus on the leasing review.

Reporting Framework Subcommittee

The work of the Reporting Framework Subcommittee has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which reduced member's ability to meet. The Subcommittee is working through the draft Reporting Framework, with a meeting scheduled in the coming weeks to discuss the final draft Reporting Framework, with the intention to endorse and progress to the JSC. The Subcommittee also discussed the upcoming procurement of an external consultant to develop an Evaluation Strategy.

Other business

The JSC discussed a performance audit of the Commonwealth Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Communications and the National Indigenous Australians Agency, titled *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Participation Targets in Intergovernmental Agreements*. The Audit focused on intergovernmental agreements with state and territory governments, including the NPRHNT. The JSC agreed the Reporting Framework Subcommittee would review the Audit and how best to respond to the Australian National Audit Office's recommendations for the NPRHNT.

The next meeting was agreed to be held on Thursday 6 August 2020.



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