

Joint Steering Committee for Remote Housing Northern Territory

Communiqué

4 and 5 December 2024

The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) held its twenty-first meeting on 4 and 5 December 2024 in Darwin. Representatives from the Australian Government's National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA), the Northern Territory (NT) Government's Department of Logistics and Infrastructure and Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development as well as the Anindilyakwa Land Council, Central Land Council, Northern Land Council, Tiwi Land Council and Aboriginal Housing Northern Territory were in attendance.

The Hon Steven Edgington, NT Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development presented to the JSC, acknowledging the Committee's important work and significant efforts to improve housing outcomes in remote communities and homelands.

Partnership Agreement for Remote Housing and Homelands

JSC members discussed the approach to delivering on the key commitments under the Partnership Agreement and housing agreements, including shared decision making, new ways of working in genuine partnership and work required to develop key plans and frameworks.

Members agreed to update the Terms of Reference to reflect the committee's oversight of the Partnership Agreement and housing related targets in the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, and to review JSC working groups to ensure the working groups deliver on commitments under the Agreements.

Remote Housing NT Agreement (2024-34)

The NT Government presented the Remote Housing Work Plans for capital works and property, tenancy and management delivery in 2024-25 under the new 10-year NT Remote Housing Agreement. JSC members discussed delivery under the Agreement and the significant effort that has already occurred to ensure the 270 houses are delivered annually to remote communities to reduce overcrowding. It was agreed to establish a remote tenancy and property management working group.

Remote Housing NT Agreement (2023-24) - Capital Works Delivery in Remote Communities

The NT Government provided an update on the delivery of housing in remote communities. Members noted the target delivery of 206 houses under the one-year NT Remote Housing Agreement was achieved in June 2024, with delivery continuing under the new 10-year Agreement.

Homelands

The NT Government provided an update on the Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program and the Regional Work Plans being developed under the Australian Government's additional \$120 million commitment for homelands over three years. Members noted the significant consultation undertaken to identify the priorities and approved Regional Work Plans for the Central Land Council and Anindilyakwa Land Councils. The Tiwi Land Council Regional Work Plan will be approved Out of Session.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in March 2025.



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