Joint Steering Committee to the National Partnership for Remote Housing NT



Communique - Meeting #5

The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) held its fifth meeting via video and teleconference on 6 August 2020. Representatives from Anindilyakwa Land Council, the Australian Government National Indigenous Australians Agency, Central Land Council, Northern Land Council, Northern Territory (NT) Government, and Tiwi Land Council were in attendance.

Northern Territory Caretaker Conventions

On the 30 July 2020, the Northern Territory Government entered into the Caretaker period. It was confirmed there were no agenda items scheduled that contravene Caretaker Conventions.

Annual Capital Works Plan

The JSC discussed the Capital Works Plan provided, and noted the Annual Capital Works Plans for the remainder of the program. JSC members also agreed for the discussion around the presentation of the Annual Capital Works Plan 2020-21 to be taken offline.

Financial Update

The NPRHNT commits both governments to provide transparent reporting regarding how money is spent throughout the life of the program. The NT Government recently launched Stage 2 of the Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes. (OCOFOH) website, which includes whole of program, individual program and community financials.

Auditor-General for the Northern Territory Room to Breathe Audit

The JSC discussed the Performance Management Systems audit of the Room to Breathe program, and noted the findings of the Audit do not impact on the Room to Breathe program as it is now, as issues raised in the report have already been addressed.

Property and Tenancy Management milestone measurements 2020-21

The JSC approved proposed suite of Property and Tenancy Management milestone measures and targets for the first six months of 2020-21, and agreed to a review of these measures in late 2020.

Land Council Update on Leasing Applications

Land Council representatives had the opportunity provide any updates on lease requests and advise of any blockages that may impact on program delivery. All Land Councils advised there were no outstanding leasing applications for discussion.

Review of remote housing and leasing models Subcommittee

The work of the Joint Review of the Remote Housing and Leasing Models Subcommittee has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The JSC members approved the Subcommittee Terms of Reference formally.

Reporting Framework Subcommittee

The work of the Reporting Framework Subcommittee is still progressing. The Subcommittee is working through the amended draft Reporting Framework, and plan to meet in the coming weeks to continue discussions.

Joint Steering Committee Terms of Reference Reaffirmation

The JSC reaffirmed the Terms of Reference, and agreed to a membership change for the NT Government. The Terms of Reference and Membership details have been updated on the OCOFOH website to reflect the membership change.

Healthy Homes Update

The NT Government provided an update and a presentation on the Healthy Homes program to the JSC.

The next meeting was agreed to be held on Thursday 5 November 2020.









