

### Communiqué | Meeting 9, 9 September 2021

The Joint Steering Committee held its ninth meeting on Thursday 9 September 2021. Representatives from the Australian Government National Indigenous Australians Agency, Northern Territory (NT) Government Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities, NT Government Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics, Central Land Council, Northern Land Council, Anindilyakwa Land Council and Tiwi Land Council were in attendance.

#### Australian National Audit Office observers

The meeting was observed by the Australian National Audit Office as part of its in-progress performance audit to assess the effectiveness of the National Indigenous Australians Agency's administration of funding for remote housing in the Northern Territory.

#### Performance Summary

The NT Government tabled a Performance Summary as at 31 August 2021. Members noted the Performance Summary and provided feedback on presentation of data. The Performance Summary provides a break down by Expenditure, Value of Contracts Awarded, Number of Contracts Awarded, Land Servicing, Overcrowding and Program delivery for HomeBuild and Room to Breathe.

#### Risk Management

The NT Government tabled an updated Risk Register further to the Joint Steering Committee's out of session Risk Workshop on 15 July 2021. Members noted and confirmed the key risks and agreed on lead agencies for the additional mitigation actions.

#### Capital Works Plan Scheduling

The NT Government tabled information on capital works delivered in 2020-21. Members endorsed the finalisation of the 2020-21 Annual Capital Works Plan and noted the NT Government will make a milestone claim to the Australian Government for works completed in 2020-21. The NT Government tabled the proposed Annual Capital Works Plan for 2021-22 and members supported the Plan ahead of presentation to the Australian Government for approval.

Members discussed the sustained acceleration required to meet the delivery targets and agreed that the JSC partners would work together to actively monitor the program.

#### Land Council Update on Leasing Applications

Land Council members advised they continue to monitor the status of leasing applications. There were no major issues raised by NT Government or Land Council members in relation to impacts on the overall housing delivery program.

#### Water Security

The NT Government tabled advice on water security as relevant to remote housing delivery. Members noted associated risks and actions being taken to manage the risks, including NT Government investment.

#### Housing Reference Groups

The NT Government tabled an update on Housing Reference Group policy. Members noted the NT Government's Community Housing Allocation Initiative and work with Housing Reference Groups to support and refresh local operating models.

#### Joint Review of Remote Housing and Leasing Subcommittee

Members noted the National Indigenous Australians Agency has engaged an expert provider to assist the Subcommittee with the second phase of the Joint Review which focuses on remote housing.

The next meeting was agreed to be held in November 2021 in Alice Springs.