

Joint Steering Committee to the National Partnership for Remote Housing Northern Territory

Communique – Meeting #7



The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) held its seventh meeting on Thursday 11 March 2021. Representatives from the Australian Government National Indigenous Australians Agency, Central Land Council, Northern Land Council, Northern Territory Government and Tiwi Land Council were in attendance.

Membership Joint Steering Committee

NT Government membership was updated to reflect NTG Machinery of Government changes. Updated Membership can be found [here](#).

Program Expenditure Report

Program Expenditure Report for the Joint Government Investment as at 31st December 2020 was tabled and noted by members. Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes. (OCOFOH) [website](#) is updated on a monthly basis for the preceding month with life of program, individual program and financial information at an overall program level and community level.

Program Summary

Program Summary as at 31 December 2020, was tabled and progress noted by members. The Program Summary provides a break down by Program (HomeBuild and Room to Breathe), Community and Status (tenders to be released, Tenders released, Under Construction and Completed). Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes. (OCOFOH) [website](#) is updated on a monthly basis with this information.

Capital Works Plan and Schedule

A revised draft of the 2020-21 Annual Capital Works Plan was tabled. It was noted that further work to be undertaken on the forecast number of bedrooms to be completed by June 2021.

Community Engagement Update

Completed and proposed Local Decision Making Community Engagement meetings for OCOFOH Capital Works and Land Tenure supporting the remote housing program was noted by JSC Members. Meetings' attendees include community members/residents, land councils, local authority members, traditional owners, Aboriginal Business Enterprises and Housing Reference Group members.

Land Council Update on Leasing Applications

No issues were raised by the NTG or Land Council representatives in relation to lease applications impacting the delivery of the housing program.

Review of remote housing and leasing models subcommittee

An update on the progress of the Joint Review of the Remote Housing and Leasing Models Subcommittee was received. The Subcommittee has concluded the first phase of the review, considering leasing arrangements and has commenced work looking at remote housing delivery models.

OCOFOH Reporting Framework

The first quarterly reports to 31 December 2020, under the approved OCOFOH Reporting Framework were tabled and noted by members. The suite of reports includes overcrowding, expenditure, Room to Breathe, HomeBuild, Property and Tenancy Management, Aboriginal Employment and Business Enterprise Development, Community Engagement and Local Decision Making, Leasing and Land Servicing.



Australian Government
National Indigenous Australians Agency



Anindilyakwa
Land Council



Update on Stage 1 including Modular Home

Modular Delivery Schedule to 30 June 2021 was provided.

Property Tenancy Management (PTM)

The NT Government will provide revised PTM measures for the second half of 2020-21 to the Joint Steering Committee.

Program Adjustments

Program Adjustments provides transparency in identifying programs that are unable to be delivered due to accessibility, and water stress. The intent is find solutions and maintain momentum to meeting targets, and progress other programs that are available to be completed. The overall commitment still remains the same as the approved plan.

Drone Presentation

A presentation of the Drone Pilot Program in Amoonguna and Nauiyu was presented. The benefits of drone technology to gather asset information was shared. Communication tools used in the pilot included a video shown to community members in language based at the local store, and other avenues. The pilot project has now been completed in a total of 88 houses scanned across Amoonguna and Nauiyu.

The next meeting was agreed to be held on Thursday 6 May 2021.