

# Joint Steering Committee for Remote Housing Northern Territory

## Communiqué

25 June 2025

The Joint Steering Committee (JSC) held its 23rd meeting on 25 June 2025 in Mparntwe (Alice Springs). Representatives were in attendance from the Australian Government's National Indigenous Australians Agency, the Northern Territory (NT) Government's Department of Logistics and Infrastructure and Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development, the Anindilyakwa Land Council, the Central Land Council, the Northern Land Council, the Tiwi Land Council and Aboriginal Housing NT.

### Housing Delivery in Remote Communities

As at 31 March 2025, in 2024-25, 161 houses have been built in 29 communities and 2 town camps. Members noted house builds have been impacted by the extended wet season and access issues. A total of 230 houses are on track to be delivered by 30 June 2025, 40 houses short of the target of 270 houses for 2024-25. The remaining 40 houses are under construction and will be delivered in early 2025-26.

Property and Tenancy Management (PTM) activities, especially Cyclical and Preventive Maintenance, remain a key priority for members. Healthabitat provided a presentation on the benefits of transitioning from a reactive to a cyclical and preventative repairs and maintenance model. Members noted the presentation.

Members provided in-principle approval for the Capital Works component of the 10-year *Remote Housing Program (2024-2034)* which will deliver 2,210 houses and associated land development. This will meet the objective of halving the initial levels of overcrowding. Additional houses up to 2,700 will be delivered subject to budget.

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**ACTION: Members noted that a Communications and Engagement Strategy would be developed over the next 3 months. The Strategy will provide the framework for providing information to communities and key stakeholders on current and planned investments in remote housing.**

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### Homelands

The NT Government provided an update on works being delivered under the Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program (HHIP). Members noted the uplift in delivery and that 34 of the 37 projects funded through the initial \$100 million investment in the HHIP had been finalised.

Aboriginal Housing NT noted the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development's swift response supporting the Aboriginal community-controlled sector to maintain essential service delivery to East Arnhem homelands which had been cut-off due to extraordinary late season rains and flooding in May 2025.

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**ACTION: Members agreed to work together on developing a shared policy position on future housing on NT Homelands investment.**

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### Implementation of the Partnership Agreement for Remote Housing and Homelands

Members agreed to update the JSC's Terms of Reference to align with the Partnership Agreement; these changes include the inclusion of Aboriginal Housing NT as a co-chair.

Members discussed the development of an overarching Implementation Plan and agreed to work collaboratively to bring forward the plan for JSC's consideration in September 2025.

### JSC Working Groups

Partners noted the structure of the working groups that provide strategic advice to the JSC had been refreshed since the March 2025 meeting, including establishing the Repairs and Maintenance, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Housing on Homelands Working Groups.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in September 2025.



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