



AGENDA

**HODGSON DOWNS LOCAL AUTHORITY
MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, 12 APRIL 2017

Notice is given that the next Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting of the Roper Gulf Regional Council will be held on:

- Wednesday, 12 April 2017
- At the ALAWA Board Room, Minyerri
- Commencing at 11:00am

Your attendance at the meeting will be appreciated.

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CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES



ITEM NUMBER	5.1
TITLE	Previous Minutes
REFERENCE	691916
AUTHOR	Darcie Boon, Acting Local Authority Support Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority approve the minutes as a true and accurate record of the Barunga Local Authority Meeting held on Wednesday 1st February 2017.**

BACKGROUND

Hodgson Downs Local Authority's previous meeting was held on Wednesday 1st February 2017.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 HOD_01022017_MIN.pdf



MINUTES OF THE HODGSON DOWNS LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING HELD AT
THE ALAWA BOARD ROOM ON WEDNESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 11:00AM

1. PRESENT/STAFF/GUESTS

Elected Members

Deputy Mayor, Judy MacFarlane

Local Authority Members

Samuel Daylight

James Nugget

Johnathon Walla

Clive Roberts

Ken Muggeridge

Staff

Marc Gardner – Director Commercial Services

Guests

Angela Pattison – Local Government Association Northern Territory

2. MEETING OPENED

Meeting opened at 12:17pm

3. WELCOME TO COUNTRY

The Chair Samuel Daylight welcomed all members, staff and guests to the meeting and the Roper Gulf Regional Council Pledge was read.

4. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Local Authority Member, Samuel Swanson and Government Engagement Coordinator, Barry Clarke gave their apologies for not being able to attend the Hodgson Downs Meeting on 1st February 2017.

15/2017 **RESOLVED** (Ken Muggeridge/Judy MacFarlane)

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority accept the apologies of Samuel Swanson and Barry Clarke.**

5. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**5.1 PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The Hodgson Downs Local Authority have requested that the previous minutes of the Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting held on 16 November 2016, be amended and presented at the next Local Authority Meeting for approval.

6. CALL FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL BUSINESS

- ALAWA Council Services Update – Ken Muggeridge
- Pests and Vermin in Community – Samuel Swanson
- Hodgson Downs Sport and Recreation Program – Samuel Swanson

7. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this Hodgson Downs Local Authority.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**8.1 ACTION LIST**

16/2017 **RESOLVED** (Ken Muggeridge/Jonathon Walla)

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive, and note the Action List.

9. INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

10. OUTGOING CORRESPONDENCE

Nil

11. GENERAL BUSINESS**11.3 ELECTED MEMBER REPORT**

Deputy Mayor Judy MacFarlane informed the Hodgson Downs Local Authority of certain items that were discussed at the OCM on 14 December 2016 and gave a quick brief on what Council has been up to since the last Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting.

17/2017 **RESOLVED** (Clive Roberts/James Nugget)

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the verbal Elected Member Report.

11.4 GOVERNANCE REPORT - POLICY UPDATE**18/2017 RESOLVED** (Jonathon Walla/Judy MacFarlane)

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the reviewed HR011 Leave Policy.

11.2 COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT**19/2017 RESOLVED** (Judy MacFarlane/Ken Muggeridge)

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the Expenditure report for Hodgson Downs for the Second quarter of 2016-17.

11.1 COMMUNITY SERVICES REPORT**20/2017 RESOLVED** (Judy MacFarlane/James Nugget)

- (a) That Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the update on Minyerri Community Night Patrol.

12. OTHER BUSINESS**12.1 ALAWA COUNCIL SERVICES UPDATE** - *Councillor Ken Muggeridge*

- CDP are working well to engage more people
- New CDP Supervisor position advertised
- Application for roads and infrastructure funding of \$300,000 submitted
- New Council vehicles purchased
- All services running smoothly

21/2017 RESOLVED (Jonathon Walla/Clive Roberts)

- (a) That Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the update on ALAWA Council Services update.

12.2 PESTS AND VERMIN IN COMMUNITY - *Councillor Samuel Daylight*

- Pests and rodents in community
- Invading houses
- Whole community needs to take part in a rodent extermination process

22/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Ken Muggeridge)

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the discussion on the eradication of all pests and vermin from community.

Action: Marc Gardner to contact Territory Housing and report back to next Local Authority Meeting.

Action: Samuel Daylight to raise issue with Sunrise Health and report back to next Local Authority Meeting.

12.3 HODGSON DOWNS SPORT AND RECREATION PROGRAM - *Councillor Samuel Daylight*

Hodgson Downs Local Authority had a discussion as to who is responsible for the running of the Hodgson Downs Sport and Recreation Program.

23/2017 **RESOLVED** (Judy MacFarlane/Ken Muggeridge)

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the discussion on the Community Sport and Recreation Program.**

Action: Ken Muggeridge and Sharon Hillen to look into who is responsible for Sport and Recreation in Hodgson Downs.

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting terminated at 1:26pm.

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING 38 PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Wednesday, 1 February 2017 AND CONFIRMED Thursday, 16 March 2017.

Chairperson

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 8.1
TITLE Action List
REFERENCE 691917
AUTHOR Darcie Boon, Acting Local Authority Support Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the Action List.

Date	Meeting Source Type	Agenda Item #	Item Description	Responsible Person	Status	Comments
01.03.16	LA	8.0 Other Business	Roper Gulf Regional Council to provide a solution that is suitable to the Hodgson Downs Local Authority that potentially employs a Housing Maintenance Officer and Community Housing Officer on site.	RGRC	Ongoing	12.05.2016 Currently no presence in Minyerri to employ directly. Looking at alternate arrangements including weekly back up from Jilkminggan HMO. 11.08.2016 Follow up 16.11.16 The CHO(Community Housing Officer) is attending from Jilkminggan 2days/week. 2 HMO from Ngukurr were unable to attend this week due to sick leave and will be attending Minyerri next week. 01.02.2017 Marc Gardner has contacted Territory Housing and has requested that Roper Gulf Regional Council be informed of all contractors plans to visit Hodgson Downs so that the Community can be informed. There are plans to install a direct phone line at the ALAWA office to make communication between residents and Roper Gulf Housing Maintenance staff easier.
11.08.2016	LA	7.7 Alcohol Management Plan	Request update from Barry Clarke, GEC, for November Local Authority meeting	CEO ALAWA	Ongoing	16.11.16 ALAWA CEO to contact GEC. Jo to contact Office of Alcohol Policy re: AMP and grants for community projects.

Date	Meeting Source Type	Agenda Item #	Item Description	Responsible Person	Status	Comments
11.08.2016	LA	8.1 New Housing	Contact Big Rivers Region Waste Management Consultant to advise on the Dump.	Trevor Troy	Ongoing	01.02.2017 Liam Heart has been in contact with Ken Muggeridge and has informed that he has plans to visit the community.
14.05.2015	LA		Kewulyi Outstation Cemetery needs to be fenced to protect the integrity of the Grave sited and markers erected.	CDP Regional Manager	Ongoing	24.06.2015: Pending Cemetery ACT Review. 13.08.15: Marc to follow up 01.03.2016: Marc to follow up for next LA meeting 12.05.16: Application to SPG for mesh fence. 07.07.16: Funding received, Outstations to complete fencing soon 16.11.16-Materials have been purchased but due to sandy site other options for fence are being explored.
15.10.2015	LA		Ask PMC for a formal statement for Council outlining both Federal and NT Governments positions on AMPs.	DCCS	Ongoing	
16.11.2016	LA	11.2 Services Report	Write to RGRC CEO and Mayor to ask that Minyerri roads be considered as part of RGRC for any future funding opportunities.	Ken Muggeridge	Ongoing	01.02.2017 letter not sent yet.
16.11.2016	LA	9.1 Incoming correspondence	Follow up with Greg Arnott Re: Night Patrol Memorandum Of Understanding, to see if it can be	Greg Arnott	Ongoing	

Date	Meeting Source Type	Agenda Item #	Item Description	Responsible Person	Status	Comments
			presented at the ALAWA Board Meeting Wednesday 7th December 2016.			
16.11.2016	LA	11.7 Regional Plan 2016-2017 Quarterly Report	Request quote fro Greg Arnott, Director of Governance, for RGRC work with Alawa on their Business plan.	Greg Arnott	Ongoing	01.02.2017 Ken Muggeridge has written to Ken Orwell. An application has been completed and a quote from Delloite Private has been sent through from Suzan Archibald.
16.11.2016	LA	11.4 Governance Report - Policy Update	Follow up on how the Animal Management and Rubbish Collection Fee can be incorporated into the Minyerri Rates Schedule for 2017/2018	Marc Gardner / Greg Arnott	Ongoing	01.02.2017 Fees for rubbish collection and animal management have been incorporated into the Borroloola and Mataranka rates program. Marc to report on their progress at next Local Authority Meeting
9.11.2015	LA		Local Authority Members recommend Nathanael Knapp find out the current Lease Status at Minyerri	NLC & Federal Govt.	Ongoing	Lease Agreement delivered at Cattle Management Meeting by NLC & Federal Government- More information has been requested. 01.02.2017 Marc Gardner to follow up with Nat Knapp.
01.02.2017	LA	12.2 Other Business - Pests and Vermin	Marc Gardner to contact Territory Housing and report back to next Local Authority Meeting.	Marc Gardner		
01.02.2017	LA	12.2 Other Business - Pests and	Samuel Daylight to raise issue	Samuel Daylight		

Date	Meeting Source Type	Agenda Item #	Item Description	Responsible Person	Status	Comments
		Vermin	with Sunrise Health and report back to next Local Authority Meeting.			
01.02.2017	LA	12.3 Other Business - Hodgson Downs Sport and Recreation Program	Ken Muggeridge and Sharon Hillen to look into who is responsible for Sport and Recreation in Hodgson Downs	Sharon Hillen / Ken Muggeridge		

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER	11.1
TITLE	Elected Member Report
REFERENCE	691918
AUTHOR	Darcie Boon, Acting Local Authority Support Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the verbal Elected Member Report.**

BACKGROUND

Key resolutions from Ordinary Meeting of Council, held on March 2, 2017 at the Mataranka Community Hall

AGENDA ITEM 15.2

48/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Donald Garner) Carried

Decision to adopt of five new (N) and three revised (R) Council policies, being:

- ADM023 Risk Management Policy (N)
- HR027 Staff Criminal Offences Policy (N)
- CL010 Register of Interests Policy (N)
- HR031 Performance Management Policy (N)
- HR024 Special Measures Recruitment Policy (N)
- HR006 Working with Children Policy (R)
- ADM003 Complaints Policy (R)
- HR004 Recruitment and Selection Policy (R)

AGENDA ITEM 15.7

53/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Timothy Baker Jr.) Carried

Decision for fleet capital expenditure being:

- (a) That Council approve the request to use unspent capex funds to purchase the trailer required for transporting the Skid Steer at Borroloola.
- (b) That Council approve the request to use unspent capex funds to purchase a suitable road sweeper attachment for a tractor in Numbulwar.

AGENDA ITEM 15.8

54/2017 RESOLVED (Eric Roberts/Anne Marie Lee) Carried

Decision for disposal of Council-owned property in Ngukurr being:

- (a) That Council approve the disposal of the transportable buildings on site at Lot 297A Ngukurr and write to NLC advising them of this decision.
- (b) That Council approve the disposal of all of the contents inside the buildings at Lot 297A Ngukurr by a local on site sale.

AGENDA ITEM 18.2

61/2017 RESOLVED (Timothy Baker Jr./Eric Roberts) Carried

Decision for Council representation at the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) General Meeting and Conference on April 6, 2017 being:

(a) That Council accept the late Incoming Correspondence from LGANT for the Conference and General Meeting April 2017.

(b) That Council approve representation at the conference by Mayor Tony Jack, Cr Mulholland, Cr Ashley, Cr Daniels, Cr Lee and Cr Daylight.

AGENDA ITEM 18.8

67/2017 RESOLVED (Judy MacFarlane/Selina Ashley) Carried

Decision for Council submission to LGANT calling for investigation of financial cost of substance abuse on Local Government in the NT being:

(a) That Council receive and note the submission of the motion *Impact of substance abuse on current and future capacity of Council workforce* to LGANT.

Full details of the decisions can be found in the minutes from the Ordinary Meeting of the Council, which are available on the website at www.ropergulf.nt.gov.au/reports-publications/council-meetings-agendas-and-minutes/.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 11.2
TITLE Council Services Report - Ken Muggeridge
REFERENCE 691920
AUTHOR Darcie Boon, Acting Local Authority Support Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the verbal report on Hodgson Downs Council Services.**

BACKGROUND

Ken Muggeridge to table report at the Hodgson Downs Local Authority Meeting (Wednesday, 12th april 2017).

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER	11.3
TITLE	New and Reviewed Policies
REFERENCE	691922
AUTHOR	Cristian Coman, Compliance Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the new and reviewed policies approved by Council.**

BACKGROUND

The following policies were reviewed/created, Council approved these policies at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 2nd March 2017:

- HR027 Staff Criminal Offences Policy
- CL010 Register of Interests Policy
- HR006 Working with Children Policy
- ADM003 Complaints Policy
- HR031 Performance Management Policy
- HR024 Special Measures Recruitment Policy
- HR004 Recruitment and Selection Policy

RGRC is required to have policies which cover certain HR principles (s105(2) *Local Government Act*).

SLT endorsed the policies on the 6 February 2017.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT**NEW****HR027 Staff Criminal Offences Policy**

This policy will fulfill the requirements of relevant sections of the *Local Government Act* and provide a framework for which paid and voluntary staff member are dealt with if imprisoned whilst employed by Roper Gulf Regional Council. The policy provides clarity in support of the relevant legislation and guidelines.

CL010 Register of Interests Policy

The purpose of this Policy is to provide direction to Roper Gulf Regional Council (RGRC) Members with regard to compliance with the Register of Interest requirements of the *Local Government Act 2008* (NT).

Council must maintain a publically available Register of Interest and this policy provides guidance on this requirement.

REVIEWED**HR006 Working with Children Policy**

Changes include:

- Policy name from Working with Children Certificate Policy to Working with Children Policy.
- Corrected reference to the appropriate regulations to abide by.
- Inclusion of definitions for Exemption and a negative notice or interim negative notice.
- Clearer and more explanatory principles of the policy.

- Inclusion of list Council positions requiring a Working with Children Clearance.
- Clearer recruitment requirements.
- Removal of the need for CDP participants participating in activities requiring a clearance.
- Removal of 1.5 Transitional arrangements for new employees and 1.6 Notification of refusal or cancellation of a Working with Children Clearance as these subjects are covered in the Principles.

ADM003 Complaints Policy

Changes include:

- Revised definition of Natural Justice
- Correct the legislation referencing
- Inclusion of 6.1.9 Third Party Complaints
- Clearer explanation of 6.2.2 Lodging/Receiving a Complaint
- Addition of 2 reasons why a complaint should not be investigated
 - i. The complaint does not allege misconduct, or offences, or involvement by RGRC staff or members.
 - ii. The allegations raised in the complaint are not the responsibility of RGRC.
- 6.2.4 clarification regarding who is assigned complaints and where complaints are to be submitted
- 6.2.6 extensive addition of information under formal complaint investigation and assessment process for staff complaints

HR031 Performance Management Policy

The HR031 Performance Management Policy covers the ss 105(a)(ii)-(iv) *Local Government Act* requirements.

The objectives of Roper Gulf Regional Council ('RGRC')'s Performance Management Policy ('Policy') are to:

- a) improve the standard of an employee's performance and/or correct an employee's conduct where RGRC deems this appropriate or necessary; and
- b) provide employees with an opportunity to improve their performance or correct their conduct (other than in situations where summary dismissal is appropriate).

HR024 Special Measures Recruitment Policy

The HR024 Special Measures Recruitment Policy outlines the recruitment of specific groups whilst complying with the *Anti-Discrimination Act* and *Racial Discrimination Act 1975* (Cth).

A special measure is a plan designed to promote equality of opportunity. Special measures are a form of lawful discrimination in favor of groups, such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander persons, who have not yet achieved equality in employment (s57 *Anti-Discrimination Act*).

These guidelines are developed and implemented according to the Australian Human Rights Commission's '*Targeted Recruitment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People*' guidelines.

All appointments under Special Measures Recruitment will be based on requirements under the followed business needs:

- Designated Positions

A program specifically designates a vacancy for a person from an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) group and it cannot be filled by any person from outside that group.

- **Priority Consideration and Preference**
Applicants from the EEO target group will be considered first before all other applicants, and given preference in selection if they meet all the criteria and are at the suitable level.

HR004 Recruitment and Selection Policy

The policy has been reviewed with the following changes:

- Correct reference to legislation
- Inclusion of reference to Special Measures and the new HR024 Special Measures Policy

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 11.4
TITLE Governance Report - Complaints Register
REFERENCE 691923
AUTHOR Amanda Haigh, Manager Governance and Corporate Planning

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the Complaints Register.**

BACKGROUND

No Outstanding Complaints

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 11.5
TITLE Governance Report - Local Authority
Project Funding Update
REFERENCE 691925
AUTHOR Hilary Sinfield, Grants Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the report on the Local Authority Project funding.**

BACKGROUND

Since 2014, the Hodgson Downs Local Authority has received a total of \$204,120.00 in Local Authority Project Funding.

Attached to this report is a summary and status of the projects that the Hodgson Downs Local Authority have allocated funds to.

The Hodgson Downs Local Authority is requested to receive and note this report including attachment detailing the status of current projects.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Please see attachment for financial considerations.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 2017.03.03 Local Authority Project Register.pdf

Minverri Local Authority Project Funding - as at 103.03.17

Funding received from Department	Income
2014-15	\$ 68,040.00
2015-16	\$ 68,040.00
2016-17	\$ 68,040.00
Total funding received	\$ 204,120.00

Projects funding has been allocated to:	Prjct Budget	Tot Prjct Cost	Prjct Variance	Project Status
Local Roads Upgrade	\$ 204,120.00	\$ 128,201.68	\$ 75,918.32	Would like to compound with 17-18 funds then commence project
Total project budgets	\$ 204,120.00			

Funding that needs to be allocated to projects	
Total Funding Received	\$ 204,120.00
Total project budgets	Less \$ 204,120.00
Total funding that needs to be allocated to projects	\$ -

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 11.6
TITLE Town Priorities 2017-2018
REFERENCE 691926
AUTHOR Darcie Boon, Acting Local Authority Support Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority decides on the Town Priorities that are to be included in the 2017/2018 Regional Plan.**

BACKGROUND

This report provides an update on the status of the Hodgson Downs 2016-2017 Town Priorities and 2015-2016, 2016-2017 Local Authority Funding.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

The Draft 2017-2018 Town Priorities needs to be developed and submitted to the Regional Plan. Local Authority members can go through the current list and decide current status of Town Priorities.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 TownPriorities1617 HD Qtr2.pdf

HODGSON DOWNS/MINYERRI					
SERVICES	PROJECT DETAILS	RESPONSIBILITY, STAKEHOLDERS OR PARTNERS	FUNDING SOURCE	1st QUARTER COMMENTS	2nd QUARTER COMMENTS
Core	18 fences around dwellings	DHsg		No longer available	
	More housing to reduce crowding	DHsg		Ongoing	
	Morgue	DHsg		Ongoing	
	Roads and maintenance	DoI		Completed	Project will continue funded by the LA
	Safe House - Men/Women	DHsg		Not commenced	
	Solar lighting for streets	ALAWA		Provided Alawa with RGRC program	
	Public Pay Phone	Telstra		Not commenced	
	New Dump	ALAWA			
	Solar Light at Kewuyli	DLGCS		Commenced 2 lights funding received & to be installed	Waiting on install to occur.

Sports oval staged plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shade planting around perimeter of oval • Construct toilet block adjacent to the oval • Construct portable stands for spectators and shade shelter in convenient locations with a good view of the oval • Continue planning to secure grant funding to construct shade over the water park • Investigate opportunities to fund a S&R officer with multi-agency partnership combining smaller funding sources to achieve sufficient funds to employ someone • Establish a coordination group in the community with all agencies, school and Alawa working together to share ideas and resources to improve S&R programs in the community 	ALAWA			
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Number	10	10	10
Completed	10%	1	1
Commenced	40%	4	4
Not Commenced	50%	5	5
Not Viable	0%	0	0

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 11.7
TITLE Housing Update
REFERENCE 691929
AUTHOR David Calleja, Local Authority Support Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the update on housing in Barunga.**

BACKGROUND

Department of Housing and Community Development presented this update to Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on Wednesday, 29th March 2017.

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 Brief Local Government Council.docx

The Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics (DILP) has been engaged by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to deliver a number of upgrade and capital works programs for remote public housing throughout Big Rivers Region.

The National Partnership on Remote Housing (NPRH) and the Remote Australia Strategy (RAS), formerly known as the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) and Stronger Future in the Northern Territory (SFNT), are Australian Government (AG) funded programs aiming to deliver upgraded and new houses by June 2018.

Department of Infrastructure, Planning and Logistics will be managing the upgrade and capital works program in the Roper Gulf Region. All tenancy and general maintenance matters are the responsibility of the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Through this program the Northern Territory and Australian Government aim to:

- Increase the supply of new houses and improving the condition of existing properties in remote communities through replacement builds;
- Address severe overcrowding in remote communities through the building of new properties and the introduction of the new 'Room to Breathe' program introduced by the NT Government.
- Increase Indigenous Employment and training initiatives in remote communities; and
- Build capacity and business opportunities to Indigenous Business Enterprises

DIPL aims to improve the way in which it communicates and understands that engagement needs to occur with Local Government Councils and their representative bodies around;

- Traffic management;
- Waste management and associated activities;
- Indigenous employment initiatives and training options available in communities;
- Discuss concerns of community and any factors impacting progression of works;
- Understand community protocols and any cultural sensitivity that must be observed and adhered to if/when required, by contractors and staff;
- Managing expectations surrounding the programs; and
- Also to understanding impacts, and risks and social benefits of programs.

DILP wish to inform community residents of the program and rationale by:

- Providing information on the commitment and opportunities of the program;
- Providing information on the role of DILP;
- Providing information on project etc. current tenders, tenders awarded, commencement dates
- Providing information on replacement dwellings;
- Providing information on dwellings identified for upgrade;

Current Program- Roper Gulf Region

Community	Upgrade	Replacements	New	Status	Comments
Barunga	0	3	0	Tender Closed 16.3.17 Currently under assessment.	
Beswick	0	3	0	Tender Closed 16.3.17 Currently under assessment.	
Eva Valley	1	0	0	Planning	
Minyerri	42	6	0	10 upgrades awarded to Binjari Aboriginal Corporation (BAC). Replacements under investigation and Planning process.	Upgrade program will be delivered in phases of 10.
Ngukurr	29	3	10	15 upgrades awarded to BAC. Replacements under investigation and Planning process. New under investigation.	Tender closed for additional 14 upgrades on 16.3.17, under assessment.
Numbulwar	5	3	0	Tender Closed for three demolitions on 17.3.17 Currently under assessment. Upgrades under planning and investigation.	
Rittarangu	3	8	0	Under planning and investigation.	
Robinson River	21	10	0	Under planning and investigation.	

Note: Planning and investigation may require dwelling structural assessments, power and water approval, site surveying and scoping. Program is subject to change pending investigation and approvals.

GENERAL BUSINESS



ITEM NUMBER 11.8
TITLE Telstra Mobile Facilities
REFERENCE 691930
AUTHOR David Calleja, Local Authority Support Coordinator

RECOMMENDATION

- (a) **That the Hodgson Downs Local Authority receive and note the update on Telstra Mobile Facilities in Hodgson Downs.**

BACKGROUND

Attachment provided at meeting.

“Consultation Letter”

(Telstra/ServiceStrem Essential Network Services)

ISSUES/OPTIONS/SWOT

Nil

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Nil

ATTACHMENTS: