

BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL TRAFFIC LIGHT REPORT

(as at 13 August 2020)

HIGHLIGHTS	STATUS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Better Regions Fund Youth Infrastructure progressing. Justice Infrastructure Investment project underway. Youth Justice Facility Design Plans endorsed by the working group and steering committee working on the service model. Childcare places initiative Report completed. Service System Reform design work underway. 	22	On track
	4	Minor issues
	0	Major Issues
	1	Delivered
	1	Long Term Project

Initiatives	Funding	Lead	Project status	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT—\$37.97M				
1	Regional Workforce Strategy	\$1M	NTG	Completed draft Barkly Jobs Profile based on data to date. Community and business consultation sessions proposed for early August to test profile data. Regional Workforce Strategy in progress and expected to be launched in October to coincide with the proposed Barkly Futures Forum.
2	Youth infrastructure	\$7.62M	BRC / Cwlth	A funding agreement through the Building Better Regions Fund was signed in June 2019. Community consultation and the project design is underway. The Mayor has identified this as a project to be fast tracked. Projects in Tennant Creek will progress according to schedule. The Tennant Creek Youth building is continuing as planned. Council are working through the land access at the moment, then tender for a design and construction of the TC youth Centre. Land approvals are a priority for the NTG. The tender for the bike path tender should go out in late May. The Alpururulam skate park job has been awarded. Waiting for travel restrictions to be lifted for the work to be carried out. The Ali Curung Youth Centre is on hold until travel restrictions are lifted and Council can access the community and complete consultations. Tennant Creek Youth Centre about to go to tender. Bike path a few weeks from going to tender (if land approval given)
3	Barkly Business Hub	\$2.2M	Cwlth / NTG	Site confirmed as ground floor NT Government Centre on Peko Road. Concept design for the layout approved and with quantity surveyor for pricing. DTBI attended 30 June 2020 Interim Governance Table meeting to further consult on the services and support to be delivered from the Hub.
4	Youth Justice Facility	\$5.55M	NTG	Site preference confirmed and Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUA) negotiations with Patta are underway. The Working Group are meeting fortnightly and currently considering service model options. A steering committee has been recommended by the Working Group to work closely with Territory Families around the service model. Facility designs endorsed by Working Group and approved by the Interim Governance Table at 30 June meeting.
5	New housing builds	Ongoing	NTG	Agreement to lease negotiations underway for all 22 dwellings. First 10 of 22 dwellings currently under construction. Expected completion September 2020. Remaining 12 dwellings currently undergoing approval process. Expected commencement of construction late 2020 and completed by November 2021. Construction commenced on 10 dwellings, in packages of 5, on Community Living Areas in Tennant Creek. First package awarded to GK Painting Contractors Pty Limited; second tranche awarded to Asbuild (NT) Pty Ltd. Expected completion in the 2020-21 financial year.
6	Justice infrastructure investments	\$3.4M	NTG	NT Police Commissioner has endorsed the design plans, including the redevelopment of a road which they are considering providing funding. Plans to then go to DIPL for progression, including costings. The Backbone will undertake further targeted consultation.
7	Upgrade Alpururulam airstrip	Ongoing	Cwlth / NTG	Project completed ahead of schedule.
8	Economic growth strategy	\$0.3M	Cwlth	DITRDC has commenced consultation with the Economic Working Group to refine the scope of the economic growth strategy and begin planning for the delivery. Funding for the strategy becomes available from 1 July 2020. Update to be provided verbally at the Governance Table meeting by Backbone and co-chairs.
9	Maximising Aboriginal employment	Ongoing	Cwlth / NTG / BRC	DITRDC is preparing a paper that outlines different approaches for setting employment targets.
10	Barkly Mining and Energy Services Offer	Ongoing	NTG	DTBI is developing a preliminary report on mining activities in the Barkly across the three stages of development. The report identified a possible 29 projects are in some form of development in the Barkly. The objective is to get an understanding of industry needs in order to support local business to take advantage of the opportunities.
11	Weather radar	\$17.9M	Cwlth / NTG	Project not due to commence. The Bureau of Meteorology was planning to start community consultations in April 2020-21 (the timing of consultations were impacted by COVID-19 travel restrictions) but these have been cancelled due to travel restrictions.
12	Improvements to the delivery of the Community Development Program (CDP)	Ongoing	BRC	The two new CDP providers have briefed the interim Barkly Governance Table on activities underway and are maintaining active engagement with the Barkly Regional Deal, including advertising for the Backbone community engagement positions in the February newsletter. Providers are working in partnership with the community to deliver new training and education

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			programs, with one provider placing 217 locals into employment between July 2019 and April 2020. Ongoing engagement creates a feedback loop, which improves service delivery. We are hearing positive feedback on the level of engagement with community.	
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT—\$31.75M				
13	Tennant Creek Visitor Park	\$9.5M	Cwlth / NTG / BRC	The Working Group continues to meet monthly. Survey conducted recently in surrounding communities to determine their needs as future users. Three sites identified for consideration after preliminary community requirements identified. The July 2020 Working Group meeting confirmed the criteria identified by the community for the Visitor Park site. DIPL will consult with the Working Group about the available land. A Project Control group will be formed to provide project governance over the completion of the project. Next step is to confirm the recommendation for the final location of the Visitor Park.
14	Government investment services system reform	\$0.6M	Cwlth / NTG	The joint project team (made up of DITRDC, DSS, DCM, the NT Reform Management Office and the Backbone) will be holding a series of facilitated workshops NTG provided a draft project plan to the Governance Table in February. DITRDC. The Department, together with NTG and the Backbone, is preparing a paper for consideration by the Cwlth Place-Based Interdepartmental Committee meeting in June. The paper will be seeking agencies' support for the project. The Department will be meeting with the Productivity Commission to discuss the PC's Expenditure on Children in the Northern Territory Report and linkages with the Deal . in July to develop a comprehensive project plan for the initiative. The project plan will outline its objectives, actions, timelines and responsibilities, and will be presented to the Governance Table for consideration at the August 2020 meeting. The project team will also be seeking nominations from the interim Governance Table to join the team and provide advice on the project.
15	Crisis youth support— safe places and accommodation	\$3M	NTG	The NTG has identified a potential site which is fit for purpose and negotiations are underway. Consultations are being led by the Backbone team with Julalikari and Patta in relation to the potential use of this site. Next steps include a period of consultation and co-design around the service offering which is anticipated to be completed at the pace of the community. Due to the pandemic a number of board meetings have been rescheduled which has slowed communication.
16	Trauma informed care	\$3M	NTG	The Backbone has drafted a correspondence to Professor Ngaire Brown in relation to engaging Ngaoara to facilitate the development of a Trauma Informed Care model. A draft brief prepared by the Backbone will be circulated to Interim Governance Table members out of session.
17	Multi-purpose accommodation facility	\$0.25M	Cwlth	Since May 2019, Aboriginal Hostels Limited has been delivering a \$250,000 affordability trial. The trial has demonstrated the benefits of underwriting the nightly tariff for beds to reduce the number of local residents and medical patients sleeping rough and returning to homelessness due to unpaid debts. These outcomes will inform future program delivery.
18	Student boarding accommodation	\$12.7M	Cwlth / NTG	Scoping study completed by NTG and submitted to DITRDC for milestone payment. Community consultation proposed to take place across the Barkly early September to confirm facility viability. DIPL have commenced development of project brief to inform DITRDC and NTG next steps.
19	Social and affordable housing private-public partnership	\$1.9M	Cwlth / NTG	The project is scheduled to start in the 2020-21 financial year. NTG is working with Venture Housing, the private partner, to navigate some capacity matters.
20	Community sports	\$0.8M	Cwlth	The Department has partnered with the Australian Sports Commission to deliver the initiative. Two full time sports coordinators have been employed to coordinate sporting activities across the Barkly. Sport Australia organised and facilitated an extensive planning workshop in March 2020 for the two coordinators, which was also attended by the BRC. Ongoing support for the coordinators is beingProvided by BRC. COVID 19 has delayed the commencement of any sport which is now delayed further due to lack of funding – activity plan has now been provided to the Governance Table for approval
21	Aged care services in the Barkly region	Ongoing	Cwlth	A three year funding agreement has been executed between the Cwlth and the BRC to deliver culturally safe home-based aged care services through an expansion of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program (Cwlth Dept. of Health).
22	Childcare places	Ongoing	Cwlth	Through Connected Beginnings (Cwlth Dept. of Education), developing a report to identify appropriate models of childcare in the Barkly region and government support that could be accessed to improve service delivery and/or infrastructure support to meet the necessary approvals.. Putting the Barkly in best position to successfully apply for future Cth funding rounds. Consultant Bonnie Moss has been engaged through Anglicare to write the report and is working closely with Connected Beginnings and the Backbone in relation to a series of meetings with key stake holders in Tennant Creek. It is anticipated that this report will be completed in July.
CULTURE AND PLACE-MAKING—\$8.65M				
23	Barkly local community projects fund	\$6M	BRC / Cwlth / NTG	Government partners agreed that community input and outreach is vital to the success of this project. This has been hindered by the remote travel restrictions. Government partners also agreed that this is a key part of the economic recovery story. Government and Backbone will continue to work with Barkly communities to identify projects at their pace. Interim Governance Table members agreed at 30 June 2020 meeting to re-profile 2019-20 funding to 2020-21, doubling the funding available for the period and confirming the initiative as a two year fund instead of three. The Interim Table also confirmed three of the five member projects assessment panel. Other two members to be confirmed by the Table. Draft grant guidelines developed by the Commonwealth generally accepted by Interim Governance Table. Final approval to be obtained out of session.
24	Local community governance	\$1M	Cwlth / NTG / BRC	The Backbone team, which consists of an Executive Officer and a Senior Project Officer, has been playing an essential role in supporting the delivery of the Deal. Interviews for the community engagement lead position will be held on 22 May (3 Indigenous candidates were not suitable however 2 have been identified as potential trainees). Recruitment for three part-time Community

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				Connector positions (Canteen Creek, Ampilatwatja, and Alpururulam) is underway to improve the visibility of the Deal outside of the Tennant Creek. The Backbone has established and is actively supporting three of the Deal's working groups which continued to run virtually via Zoom on a fortnightly basis. Participation has remained constant since moving to the virtual platform. NGNY (100 per cent Indigenous owned internet design company) has been selected to develop the Backbone's website a draft of which is expected to be ready for the Governance Table to consider at the meeting in June. NTG paid Backbone funding to Barkly Regional Council in late July 2020.
25	Community mediation	\$1.65M	NTG / Cwlth	Mediation advisory service (One Pacific) have provided their report on Ali Curung. A community session occurred in December 2019. The Backbone is developing a cultural and training model co-designed with communities. Now travel restrictions are lifted, the Backbone will be holding a face-to-face workshop with Aboriginal organisations. The Backbone has drafted a paper in relation to the Mediation project which will be tabled at the upcoming Governance Table meeting in June and will seek to commence this work
26	Arts Centre in Elliott – Feasibility Study	Ongoing	NTG	Feasibility study completed. NTG working with Barkly Regional Council to consider next steps before consultation with wider community on the outcome of the study.
27	Update Council website about Aboriginal history	Ongoing	BRC	Content for the website update is under consideration however Patta has expressed some reservation about the nature of the input.
28	Marketing and promotion	Ongoing	BRC	The BRC has employed a Media and Communications manager.
TOTAL		\$78.4M		