

BARKLY REGIONAL DEAL TRAFFIC LIGHT REPORT

(as at 13 July 2021)

HIGHLIGHTS	STATUS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crisis Youth Support group commenced Barkly Regional Deal Roadshow successful and receiving positive feedback Regional Alliance meetings are progressing well. Community grants applications are being received and collated Workforce Strategy Working Group is progressing and gaining momentum. Agreed Business Plan for Hub operational model between NT Government and Commonwealth in consultation with community. Construction tenders for Barkly Business Hub and Youth Justice Facility are progressing. 	22	On track
	1	Minor issues
	0	Major Issues
	3	Delivered
	2	Long Term Project

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT—\$37.97M				
1	Regional Workforce Strategy	\$1M	NTG	Regional Workforce Strategy being progressed by NTG in partnership with Working Group, and will be finalised by the Working Group shortly. Juno Jobs Model Program Manager relocated to Tennant Creek and commenced training delivery in June 2021. Juno Project Group (NT Government and external stakeholders) meeting fortnightly. .
2	Youth infrastructure	\$7.62M	BRC / Cwlth	A funding agreement through the Building Better Regions Fund was signed in June 2019 by BRC. The Alpuururulam skate park job is close to completion. Tennant Creek and Ali Curung Youth Centre construction contracts have been awarded and construction commenced. Final Bike Path designs finally with DIPL
3	Barkly Business Hub	\$2.2M	Cwlth / NTG	Agreed Business Plan for Hub operational model between NT Government and Commonwealth in consultation with community. Construction tender planned for release late June 2021, with works planned for completion Q1 2022. NT Government liaising with NT IBN and NT Chamber of Commerce regarding establishment of a long-term position based in the Hub.
4	Youth Justice Facility	\$5.55M	NTG	Continuing negotiation of the Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) with Central Land Council (CLC) for preferred site on Peko Road. Industry briefing on Facility operations scheduled for 19 July 2021. Program scope endorsed by Youth Justice Indigenous Corporations Leadership Group. Released Future Tender Opportunity to operate the Facility on 2 June 2021. Anticipating award of the construction tender in June 2021. Facility to be completed early 2022.
5	New housing builds	Ongoing	NTG	First 10 of 22 dwellings currently under construction. Completion and handover expected August 2021. Of the remaining 12 dwellings, all have received development approval, with the first four expected to commence construction in mid-2021 with completion early 2022, and the remaining eight expected to commence construction in mid to late-2021 and completion mid to late-2022.
6	Justice infrastructure investments	\$3.4M	NTG	Consulting with stakeholders. Design work underway. Preparing design brief for design and documentation tender. Completion forecast early-to-mid 2022.
7	Upgrade Alpuururulam airstrip	Ongoing	Cwlth / NTG	Project completed ahead of schedule.
8	Economic growth strategy	\$0.3M	Cwlth	On 2 March, the Economic Growth and Support Working Group meeting with Mark Coffey, from Coffey Consulting, for a ½ day facilitated discussion on developing an economic growth strategy. Mark delivered his final report to the group on 2 April for their consideration. The last two WG meetings have not been well attended and the quorums have not been achieved for decision. The group is actively considering its membership structure going forward.
9	Maximising Aboriginal employment	Ongoing	Cwlth / NTG / BRC	This work will be progressed by the government partners with the Governance Table and will leverage work undertaken by the NT Government through the Regional Workforce Strategy Working Group. The working group has met twice and the future focus of the working group and desirability of engaging with the Economic Growth Working group was explored. A Barkly Workforce action plan draft prepared by CDU was also tabled for discussion and future consideration. At the last meeting in July, NTG delivered a presentation on the NTG strategy for the action plan while the group continues to determine its goals.
10	Barkly Mining and Energy Services Offer	Ongoing	NTG	This initiative is aligned with the Barkly Business Hub. The Department of Industry, Tourism and Trade continues developing the preliminary report on mining activities in the Barkly across the three stages of development. The report identified projects in 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	Signed Funding Agreement between NTG and BoM. The Tennant Creek Radar Project has officially started, with the following key activities occurring since the last update: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The process for procuring the radar components is underway.The Bureau will be conducting briefings to local stakeholders on the radar shortly as part of a communications strategy.
12	Improvements to the delivery of the Community Development Program (CDP)	Ongoing	Cwlth	In May 2021, changes were made to the Mutual Obligation requirements for all Job Seekers linked to the CDP program across Australia. All activities are now voluntary. Job Seekers are still required to engage with CDP providers for monthly appointments, apply for employment, accept suitable employment and have a current job plan. Providers are required to have projects and programs

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				available for Job Seekers to engage in as a volunteer. The CDP provider, Rise Ngurratjuta, has advised these changes have impacted CDP across the Barkly with a reduction in engagement. As part of the 21-22 Federal Budget the Minister for Indigenous Australians announced plans to develop a new remote jobs program to replace CDP from 2023. This will be designed in partnership with remote communities, with pilots to commence later this year and four Regions across Australia to be selected as trail sites (announcement pending). All existing CDP provider contracts have been extended to the end June 2023.
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT—\$31.75M				
13	Tennant Creek Visitor Park	\$9.5M	Cwlth / NTG / BRC	The working group met on June 15 and confirmed final feedback on design principles. Environmental assessment finalised. Next steps; provide IGT with design brief for endorsement, procure design consultant, seek community feedback at 25% and 50% design stages. In parallel establish scope for service, procure operator and handover facility for operation commencement
14	Government investment services system reform	\$0.6M	Cwlth / NTG	The Backbone and government partners have agreed the Governance Table will act as the interim Steering Committee for the GISSR project. Data collection is underway for the early childhood sector. Next steps for the project include working with Connected Beginnings to establish the Working Group for the Early Childhood element, identifying a lead for the Youth element, and starting communications on community awareness and engagement.
15	Crisis youth support—safe places and accommodation	\$3M	NTG	Confirmed with Julalikari use of the Julalikari Training Centre as the accommodation site. Preparing ILUA. Circulated briefing paper for consideration of the Interim Governance Table. Working Group commenced on 19 May 2021. Work continuing to fill vacant spaces on Working Group as it develops the program design and goals.
16	Trauma informed care	\$3M	NTG	Project brief underway. Consultations occurring with health services to determine treatment side of initiative. Timelines and budget under consideration. Consultants engaged to work with project team.
17	Multi-purpose accommodation facility	\$0.25M	Cwlth	From May 2019, Aboriginal Hostels Limited delivered a \$250,000 affordability trial. The trial 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. A report on the trial was tabled at the meeting on 27 April 2021.
18	Student boarding accommodation	\$12.7M	Cwlth / NTG	Phase 2 of the community consultation has taken place and focused on design and testing what were essential elements from a community perspective. There is strong support for the facility and desire for children to attend. Completed design brief and site services assessment. Detailed design will now be commenced, this will be followed by phase three of community consultation prior to going to tender. Construction anticipated to commence in Q2 2022.
19	Social and affordable housing private-public partnership	\$1.9M	Cwlth / NTG	Venture Housing provided a supplementary project proposal to the Governance Table which includes the construction of social and affordable units in Tennant Creek. The Governance Table has provided its in-principle support to the proposal on the condition any funding agreement with Venture Housing is acceptable to all parties in terms of benefit to local Aboriginal people. The Cth and NT Government are considering the revised proposal. The Department of Territory Families, Housing and Communities are working with Venture to brief Patta.
20	Community sports	\$0.8M	Cwlth/ BRC	The program is progressing well against the Activity Plan endorsed by the Governance Table. All sporting activities are running well with great interest. Sport Australia visited the region from 10-14 May, meeting with Barkly Council, Barkly Backbone team and NT Government regarding the sport program and made visits to communities and sport facilities at Tennant Creek, Elliott, Ali Curung and Ampilatwatja. This project in on track and on target to achieve all goals
21	Aged care services in the Barkly region	Ongoing	Cwlth	The Barkly Regional Council was successful in receiving annual funding of \$919,000 through the expansion of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flexible Aged Care Program. The Program funds organisations to provide flexible, culturally safe aged care services to older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people close to their home and community. In March 2020, the Barkly Regional Council also received a one-off grant of \$15,000 to replace equipment at the Ampilatwatja Aged Care Centre. This grant activity was successfully completed and finalised in December 2020.
22	Childcare places	Ongoing	Cwlth	The report prepared by Bonnie Moss (Anglicare) and Deb Hartman (Connected Beginnings), and the subsequent proposal from Pricewaterhouse Coopers Indigenous Consulting (PIC) (to develop a regional childcare service model) have been considered by the Table. DITRDC, DESE and Connected Beginnings have worked with PIC to update the proposal to ensure it captures initiatives already underway. Connected Beginnings is working with PIC to progress this piece of work as a priority and engagement with community and service providers is ongoing.
CULTURE AND PLACE-MAKING—\$8.65M				
23	Barkly local community projects fund	\$6M	BRC / Cwlth / NTG	The Fund opened on Friday the 27th of October, and Guidelines and Application Forms now available on the Deal website. The Backbone and Barkly Regional Council are working together to share application information with communities, including through Local Authority meetings. Four applications have been approved, based on Local Authorities identified priorities, and a further application was endorsed and approved at the July 2021 IGT. The Backbone team are working to deliver several community plans and it is anticipated that this will lead to more applications over the coming months.
24	Local community governance	\$1M	Cwlth / NTG / BRC	Recruitment is currently underway for a Tennant Creek based Project Officer and Community Connector. Working groups are running in relation to key deal initiatives. The Backbone website continues to be updated with key documentation relating to the Deal. The Backbone team is publishing a monthly newsletter, a radio advertising campaign is currently underway with 8CCC and CAAMA Radio.
25	Community mediation	\$1.65M	NTG / Cwlth	A community session occurred in December 2019. A cultural and training model co-designed with communities is being developed. Provided proposal to IGT to endorse workshops to discuss and

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				inform the Community Mediation initiative. Next step will be to identify and procure facilitators for the workshops.
26	Arts Centre in Elliott – Feasibility Study	Ongoing	NTG	Completed feasibility study. A private company will develop an Art Centre as part of a new Roadhouse construction in Elliott, expected completion is the end of 2022.
27	Update Council website about Aboriginal history	Ongoing	BRC	Content for the website update is under consideration however Patta has expressed reservation about the nature of the input. Some information on council's website though there is still much to do. Council staff working with the Language Centre and land councils on content.
28	Marketing and promotion	Ongoing	BRC	The BRC has employed a Media and Communications manager. BRD is being well marketed when news worthy items arise.
TOTAL		\$78.4M		