



Indigenous Infrastructure Unit

Outcome

Appropriate housing and essential services for the Northern Territory's Indigenous population.

Overview

The Indigenous Infrastructure Unit was formed in 2005 by combining the Indigenous Essential Services, Indigenous Land Use Planning and Indigenous Housing Construction functions of the former Department of Community Development, Sport and Cultural Affairs.

The Indigenous Infrastructure Unit:

- coordinates funding and strategic planning to deliver essential services to Northern Territory funded Indigenous communities and townships;
- manages the land servicing requirements of the Northern Territory Indigenous Housing Program (NTIHP);
- provides land use planning services for the NTIHP and for the construction of government assets in Indigenous communities and homeland centres;
- manages the delivery of the NTIHP construction program; and
- provides specific Indigenous training and employment outcomes through delivery of the NTIHP construction program.

Our People

The Indigenous Infrastructure Unit employs:

- town planners;
- technical officers;
- engineers; and
- research and support staff.

Our Customers

- Northern Territory Government.
- Indigenous communities/townships and homelands, including their Community Councils and resource centres.
- Indigenous Community Housing Organisations.
- Northern Territory Indigenous Housing Program.
- Australian Government Department of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs.

What We Do

- Coordinate the delivery of electricity, water and sewerage services to Northern Territory funded Indigenous communities.
- Undertake strategic planning of utility assets.
- Manage the upgrade and maintenance of remote aerodromes and barge landings.
- Manage the Connecting Neighbours program which will upgrade utility services in Aboriginal urban living areas.
- Manage the construction of remote Indigenous community subdivisions.
- Maintain the Northern Territory Serviced Land Availability program.
- Develop subdivision layout plans and land use frameworks for Indigenous communities.
- Deliver the Northern Territory Indigenous Housing Program's new housing and major renovation components.
- Develop and implement training programs for Indigenous Territorians in housing construction.

Key Achievements for 2005-06

- Reconstructed and sealed the Ramingining, Minyerri and Bulman aerodromes.
- Extended the Ramingining barge landing and in the aftermath of Cyclone Ingrid, reconstructed the Warruwi barge landing.
- Completed a case study on Northern Territory Indigenous energy use for the Australian Ministerial Council on Energy.
- Constructed 84 serviced lots for new housing developments at Ramingining, Binjari, Beswick, Corella Creek, Amangal, Oenpelli, Nauiyu, Acacia, Larrakia and Milikapiti.
- Funded:
 - construction of the final stage of the Wooliana Road power line;
 - upgrade of fuel bunding and bulk fuel storage at Numbulwar, Peppimenarti and Palumpa; and
 - improvements to water supplies at Peppimenarti and Belyuen.
- Updated 15 Serviced Land Availability Program (SLAP) Maps to incorporate major community developments and topographical amendments.
- Provided housing construction training to 29 trainees in seven communities.
- Expended \$24 million on Indigenous housing construction including construction training programs.

Priority Targets for Next Year

- Develop a demand management strategy for utility services in Territory funded Indigenous townships and communities.
- Implement projects for the upgrade of utility services in Aboriginal urban living areas.
- Provide layout plans for the Northern Territory Indigenous Housing Program and other community purpose developments.
- Maintain the Serviced Land Availability Program (SLAP) with the incorporation of 26 additional major developments into SLAP Maps.
- Expand the housing construction training program to provide training to 40 trainees in 10 communities.
- Increase the number of Indigenous workers employed in housing construction in remote Indigenous communities.
- Allocate 25 per cent of the construction program to construction training programs.
- Increase housing construction expenditure by 33 per cent - from \$24 million to \$32 million.

Performance Reporting Indigenous Essential Services

Coordinate planning and funding for the delivery of electricity, water, sewerage, barge landings and aerodromes to remote Indigenous communities. Delivery of electricity, water and sewerage services is undertaken by the Power and Water Corporation.

Performance Measures	2005-06 Estimates ¹	2005-06 Estimates Revised	2005-06 Actuals	Comments
Quantity				
Electricity supplied (per head of serviced population)	-	3 150 kWh	3 142 kWh	Variations arise due to seasonal fluctuation in household consumption
Water supplied (per head of serviced population)	-	305 kL	278 kL	Variations arise due to seasonal fluctuation in household consumption
Sewerage treated (per head of serviced population)	-	124 kL	112 kL	Influent to sewerage treatment facilities is not generally metered. A sewage flow of 40 per cent of water supplied is utilised for planning purposes
Aerodromes maintained	-	73	73	
Barge landings maintained ²	-	14	14	
Quality				
Stakeholder satisfaction with services ³	-	60%	70%	Result of 2006 stakeholder survey
Timeliness				
Stakeholder satisfaction with response time for repairs ³	-	60%	80%	Result of 2006 stakeholder survey

1 New output created on establishment of Department of Planning and Infrastructure

2 Indigenous Essential Services maintains 14 Top End remote Indigenous community barge landings

3 Annual satisfaction surveys for each of 72 remote Indigenous community governing bodies are undertaken to assess qualitative aspects of the provision of power, water and sewerage services in remote communities

Performance Reporting Indigenous Land Use Planning

Provide land use plans for the Territory's rural Indigenous communities and homelands (outstations) to guide the development of housing subdivision and other land use.

Performance Measures	2005-06	2005-06	2005-06	Comments
	Estimates ¹	Estimates Revised	Actuals	
Quantity				
Community SLAP ² maps and homeland (outstation) community maps updated with as-constructed subdivision data, new housing and other community purpose developments	-	20	15	Variation is due to outstanding developments at Papunya, Ramingining, Lajamanu and Binjari housing subdivisions
Community endorsed subdivision layout plans prepared for land servicing design list	-	9	-	Plans not required as the NTIHP ³ allocated housing to communities with serviced lots available
Quality				
SLAP ² map and community maps are up to date	-	95%	95%	
Subdivision layout plans approved by local governing body	-	95%	-	Plans not required as the NTIHP ³ allocated housing to communities with serviced lots available
Timeliness				
SLAP ² maps and community maps updated within two weeks of development	-	95%	88%	Delays in mapping
Subdivision layout plans prepared before project design year	-	95%	-	Plans not required as the NTIHP ³ allocated housing to communities with serviced lots available

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² SLAP is the Serviced Land Availability Program

³ NTIHP is the Northern Territory Indigenous Housing Program

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Performance Reporting Indigenous Housing Construction

Deliver the construction (comprising new houses, major upgrades and major renovations) and construction training components of the Northern Territory Indigenous Housing Program on behalf of the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport.

Performance Measures	2005-06 Estimates ¹	2005-06 Estimates Revised	2005-06 Actuals	Comments
Quantity				
NTIHP construction managed	-	\$41.6m	\$41.6m	
NTIHP projects	-	100	100	
NTIHP construction trainees trained	-	36	29	Construction training programs operate over a two year period. Some trainees are accounted for in two successive years. Reduced attendance at the end of the CRT&E ² Model contributed to a decrease in numbers
Quality				
Technical audits completed indicating significant defects	-	<5%	60%	In 2006-07 project managers will be directly accountable to DPI which will improve construction standards
Stakeholder satisfaction with delivery of construction program ³	-	>85%	84%	Result of 2006 stakeholder survey Stakeholder satisfaction should improve with the increased use of the Regional Model delivery method
Timeliness				
Target expenditure achieved	-	>90%	100%	
Projects completed within required timeframes	-	>90%	10%	Regional Model should improve this outcome

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² CRT&E is the Central Remote Training & Employment

³ The Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport is surveyed quarterly to assess satisfaction with the delivery of services provided under the service level agreement