

## National Partnership on Remote Housing (NPRH)

**Northern Australia Priority: Good governance for Northern Australia / Simpler land arrangements to support investment / a northern workforce for growth / infrastructure to support growth.**

**State Electorate:** Cook / Mulgrave / Cairns/ Traeger **Federal Electorate:** Leichhardt / Kennedy

**Councils:** Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Yarrabah

### Priority Recommendation

FNQROC seek support for the continuance of the NPRH Program (noting current expiry date of 30 June 2018) or implementation of a similar program to continue program deliverables.

FNQROC request that the Federal and State governments consult with elected FNQROC Councils when considering indigenous issues within the FNQ region.

### Priority Overview

The current National Partnership on Remote House (NPRH) expired on 30 June 2018 with no indication it will continue or be replaced with a similar program.

Indigenous council delegation main observations:

- a. Federal and State governments currently consult (and fund) groups that do not represent all indigenous people. Elected Councils democratically represent all residents and accordingly best placed to be consulted with when dealing with indigenous issues.
- b. Outside of remote housing outcomes, the program importantly addresses the social determinants of health, including health, education, employment and indigenous (and regional) economic outcomes.
- c. The Federal Governments own independent review highlighted positive program outcomes, however agreed 'the job is only half done' and should be continued.

The Federal Government independent review highlights:

- Queensland Government achievements and recommends continued long-term funding to maintain houses and respond to overcrowding.
- Secure housing is a key element of the Commonwealths priority of Closing the Gap.

### Key Program Impact on the Region:

<p><b>Direct positive impact of NPRH Program</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80% of new housing construction is delivered by ATSI Councils (ie Hope Vale, Yarrabah and Wujal Wujal)</li> <li>• 80% of minor works and repairs are delivered by ATSI Councils</li> <li>• 87% Indigenous employment on housing projects</li> <li>• 850 Indigenous jobs are currently supported by NPRH</li> <li>• Overcrowding is down by 46.6% since 2007</li> </ul>
<p><b>Better Housing impact on Social Determinants of Health</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved living conditions</li> <li>• Healthier homes</li> <li>• Safer families</li> <li>• Improved education</li> <li>• Enhance job opportunities</li> <li>• Greater economic development</li> </ul>