

National Partnership on Remote Housing (NPRH)

Qld Plan Foundation: Community, Regions, Health and Wellbeing, Environment, People and Infrastructure

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

Councils: Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal and Yarrabah

Priority Recommendation

FNQROC thanks the State Government for the \$40mil recently announced.

FNQROC seeks support for the continuance of the NPRH Program 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:

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