

Torres Cape Indigenous Councils Alliance

Northern Australia Priority: Good governance for Northern Australia

State Electorate: Cook / Traeger / Mulgrave

Federal Electorate: Leichhardt / Kennedy

Council: Cook Shire Council

Priority Recommendation

FNQROC supports the formation and direction of TCICA as a neighbouring and complimentary body to FNQROC.

Project Overview

Torres Cape Indigenous Mayors Alliance membership includes the 14 Mayors representing Cape York and Torres Strait communities (including Cook Shire Council and Weipa Town Authority). They are determined to better shape their own future

The State Government will fund \$140,000 for an initial one year with the member councils matching this amount to engage a suitably qualified Executive Officer to provide administrative, operational, research and advocacy support to members.

Chair – Cr Vonda Malone, Mayor of Torres Shire Council

Secretary – Cr Peter Scott, Mayor Cook Shire Council

Current priorities include:

- Maintain townships within the control of relevant Councils;
- Land-based transport infrastructure
- Urgent need for a local (Cape) tourism organisation;
- Housing, poor, unhealthy, overcrowded housing is an everyday reality for most of their families. The fighting and shirking of responsibility to overcome this situation in remote Australia must end. They urge the Federal and State Governments to expedite a final decision on the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) funding for social housing in Indigenous communities within Queensland.
- Legitimate role of democratically elected Indigenous local governments in shaping the future for their communities and engage directly with TCICA rather than with non-elected third-party entities.

Key Strategic Drivers

Economic	Identifies the strategic policy, projects and investment required to support continued economic growth and activity
Social Enterprise	Establishes a shared vision in support of improved quality of life for the community
Employment	Provides foundation for a strong economy supporting ongoing employment opportunities and growth.
Tourism	Establishes a shared vision for continued regional tourism branding and diversification