

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



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AGENDA

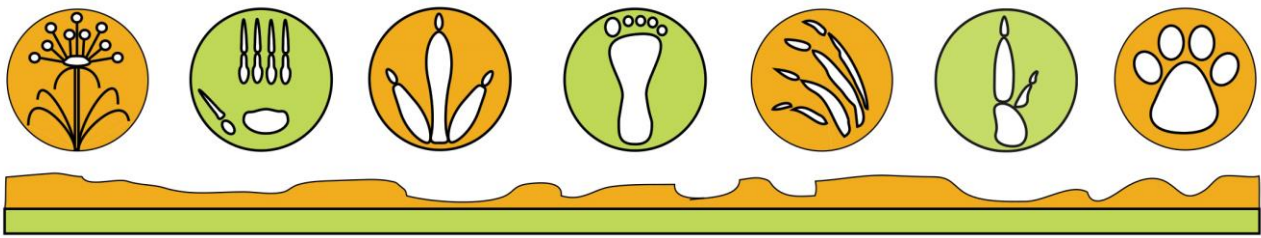
AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2019

Barkly Regional Council's Ampilatwatja Local Authority will be held in Ampilatwatja on Wednesday, 4 September 2019 at 10:00am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL



COUNCIL PRAYER

Our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust you will guide and bless this meeting of the Barkly Regional Council. We pray that you will ensure that all discussions and decisions made today are just and fair as they will affect all people within the Barkly Region. We also pray for your guidance to ensure that all our dealings are appropriate to all those whom we represent and will reflect an equitable and honest approach to the issues to be discussed today.

Amen

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

I respectfully acknowledge the traditional owners past and present of this land on which we are meeting, the Warumungu people.

AGENDA

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Nil

15 BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

16 VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

Nil

17 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

18 CLOSE OF MEETING

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

ITEM NUMBER 2.1
TITLE Confirmation of Previous Minutes
REFERENCE 280569
AUTHOR Robert Smith, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd July as a true and accurate record.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Ampilatwatja Minutes 03 July Unconfirmed.PDF



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MINUTES

AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 3 JULY 2019

The Ampilatwatja Local Authority of the Barkly Regional Council was held in Ampilatwatja on Wednesday, 3 July 2019 at 10:00am.

Steven Moore
Chief Executive Officer

Meeting commenced at 10:55am with Theresa McKeema as chair.

1. OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

- 1.1 Elected Members Present
 Steven Edgington
 Theresa McKeeman
 Peter Morton
 Ricky Holmes
 Ada Beasley
 Anita Bailey
- 1.2 Staff And Visitors Present
 Mark Parsons
 Robert Smith
 Maurie Lang
 Chris
 Fiona
- 1.3 Apologies To Be Accepted
 Donald Simpson
 Leslie Motron
 Jeannie Beasley
- 1.4 Absent Without Apologies
- 1.5 Disclosure Of Interest

There were no declarations of interest at this Ampilatwatja Local Authority meeting.

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2019 as a true & accurate record.

Provisional

Meeting did not have numbers to meet quorum and therefore only a provisional meeting was held.

3. CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS

3.1 MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT	
MOTION	
That the Authority	
a) Receive and note the report.	
RESOLVED	
Moved:	LA Member Ada Beasley
Seconded:	Cr. Ricky Holmes
	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved 1/19</i>	

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

4.1 DRAFT REGIONAL PLAN	
MOTION	
That Council:	
a) Receive and endorse the Draft Regional Plan for public consultation.	
Change the Regional Plan priorities for Ampilatwatja to a BBQ and shade shelter and water tap for sorry camp.	
RESOLVED	
Moved:	LA Member Anita Bailey
Seconded:	LA Member Peter Morton
	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved 2/19</i>	

4.2 DRAFT LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL	
MOTION	
That Council:	
a) Receive and note the address from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development.	
RESOLVED	
Moved:	LA Member Anita Bailey
Seconded:	LA Member Peter Morton
	CARRIED UNAN.
<i>Resolved 3/19</i>	

4.3 CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE	
MOTION	
That the Authority	
a) Confirm the date of the next Local Authority meeting as the 4 th of September.	

August meeting will be deferred till September due to the Mt Isa Rodeo conflicting with the date of the August meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ada Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Anita Bailey

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 4/19

4.4 BARKLY WORKING GROUP

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: Cr. Ricky Holmes

Seconded: LA Member Ada Beasley

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 5/19

4.5 RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

MOTION

- a) Receive and note the report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Anita Bailey

Seconded: LA Member Peter Morton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 6/19

5. ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm & remove all completed items from the Action List.

Remove Solar lights from the action list. Add purchase of mowers & whipper snippers from No Worries Gardening.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Anita Bailey

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 7/19

6. AREA MANAGERS REPORT**6.1 AREA MANAGERS REPORT****MOTION**

That the Authority:

- a) Receive and note the report.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Anita Bailey

Seconded: Cr. Ricky Holmes

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 8/19

7. LOCAL AUTHORITY PROJECTS BREAKDOWN

Nil

8. REPORTS FROM BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Nil

9. CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA**MONTHLY CEO REPORT****MOTION**

That Council

- a) Receive and note the Director of Operations Report

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ada Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Peter Morton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 9/19

10. BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED

Nil

11. SERVICE DELIVERY ISSUES REPORTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

12. REGIONAL COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR

Nil

13. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED REGIONAL PLAN

Nil

14. THE REGIONAL COUNCIL'S PROPOSED BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA FOR THE NEXT FINANCIAL YEAR

Nil

15. BRC'S RESPONSE TO SERVICE DELIVERY COMPLAINTS IN THE LA AREA

Nil

16. VISITOR PRESENTATIONS

16.1 VISITOR PRESENTATION

MOTION

- a) Receive and note the visitor presentation.

Chris and Fiona talked in regards to conducting a study on the subject of legal aid in the community.

RESOLVED

Moved: LA Member Ada Beasley

Seconded: LA Member Peter Morton

CARRIED UNAN.

Resolved 10/19

17. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Nil

18. CLOSE OF MEETING

THIS PAGE AND THE PRECEEDING PAGES ARE THE MINUTES OF THE Ampilatwatja Local Authority Meeting HELD ON Wednesday, 3 July 2019 AND CONFIRMED Wednesday, 7 August 2019.

Donald Simpson
Chair

Robert Smith
Area Manager

CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE REPORTS



ITEM NUMBER 3.1
TITLE Monthly Finance Report
REFERENCE 280572
AUTHOR Gary Pemberton, Finance Manager

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Finance Report.pdf

Barkly Regional Council
Local Authority Allocation
Project: 405

	Budget	Income and Expenditures					Total
		2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019		
INCOME							
LA Grants Received							
Grants Received	309,130.18	61,532.00	61,532.00	67,210.00	67,210.00	309,130.18	
INCOME TOTAL	309,130.18	61,532.00	61,532.00	67,210.00	67,210.00	309,130.18	
EXPENDITURE							
Approved Minutes							
LA Funding Expended							
Oct-14 Toilet rental	14,420.00					14,420.00	
Apr-15 Trimmer & Lawn Mower	4,303.63					4,303.63	
Apr-16 Football Changeroom	30,297.00					30,297.00	
May-17 3 Industrial Washing Machines	20,000.00	7,508.45				10,134.00	
Apr-17 Ride-On Mower	6,199.09			6,199.09		6,199.09	
Aug-18 Portable Toilets & Trailer				19,990.00		19,990.00	
Aug-18 Childrens Playground Shelter				19,190.00		19,190.00	
Aug-18 6 Shade Shelters				12,120.00		12,120.00	
LA Funding Committed							
May-17 3 Industrial Washing Machines	**	9,866.00				9,866.00	
May-17 Ampliatwaja abluion block	105,000.00	44,157.55	60,842.45			105,000.00	
Apr-17 Animal Management Activities	15,000.00		689.55	9,710.91	4,599.54	15,000.00	
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	195,219.72	61,532.00	61,532.00	67,210.00	4,599.54	246,519.72	
Balance of funds to be committed	113,910.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	62,610.46	\$62,610.46	

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 4.1
TITLE Alternate to Youth Detention
REFERENCE 280568
AUTHOR Robert Smith, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- A) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Alternate to Youth Detention.pdf



Working Group

Alternative to Detention Accommodation Facilities and Services

Briefing Paper May 2019 Barkly Regional Deal

The Barkly Regional Deal is the first regional deal in Australia—a 10 year \$78.4 million commitment between the Australian Government, the Northern Territory Government and the Barkly Regional Council. The Barkly Regional Deal was signed on Saturday 13 April 2019 in Tennant Creek after a six month consultation process.

The interim Barkly Region Governance Group has responsibility to oversight delivery of the deal and includes membership from the three tiers of government, Aboriginal leaders, local business leaders, non-government organisations, young people and other community stakeholders.

The Alternative to Detention Accommodation Facilities and Services Working Group has been established to provide advice to the interim Barkly Governance Table. On 16 May 2019, at the Working Group’s inaugural information session, a briefing paper was requested with further information on options for the delivery of the Barkly Regional Deal justice infrastructure and services commitments.

What is a Working Group?

Through the Barkly Regional Deal a new approach to collaborating with community is being established. Working Group’s provide an interface where community stakeholders can provide recommendations to government partners about certain aspects of the 28 Priority Initiatives.

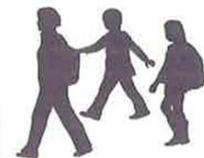
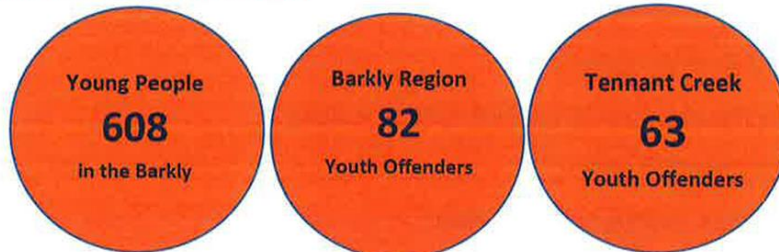
The final decision-making process will comprise of two steps which we set out here, so you know where your feedback will be considered.

The **first step** is to join a Working Group. Get the information and then share your thoughts and feedback in the room. Our government partners will take into consideration all the Working Group members discussion points and feedback.

The **second step** our government partners will then consider community input against the following criteria which are the essential levers for progressing towards an end decision point;

1. **Timeliness: what constraints exist to deliver the project?**
2. **Funding: is it within budget?**
3. **Opportunities: what options are available as we move along the process of decision making? some options may be ruled out due to unforeseen circumstances, some new opportunities may present.**

Data Overview: Youth Offenders in the Barkly



Data Source: Territory Families 2017



Alternative to Detention Accommodation Facility

The Barkly Alternative to Detention Accommodation Facility is intended to support local young people participating in the Back on Track and other programs. Participants in these programs may be court ordered or referred by Police, government agencies or non-government agencies. The facility responds to regional demand for services and ensures provision of services closer to young people's homes and family. The management and operation of the new facility will also provide new employment opportunities in Tennant Creek.

We want your input and feedback on the following aspects of this project.

1. Ongoing discussion about location of the facility.

The selection of a site for the new facility is important and will involve careful consideration by community and other stakeholders. The Northern Territory Government has at this stage identified the possibility of utilising one of two sites listed below. A range of feasibility work and detailed investigations will be required before confirming a site:

- Barkly Work Camp (3km east of Tennant Creek)
- Site South of Barkly Work Camp (3km east of Tennant Creek).

As the discussions progress with community stakeholders about the site location it is important to note that the final decisions will be considered against the three key criteria detailed in the decision-making process and relevant statutory planning approvals.

2. Youth Support

Through the Barkly Regional Deal, the Northern Territory Government has committed to increase the level and type of youth support services provided in the region. We want to hear from you what type of model you think will best fit for the Barkly Region.

On 16 May 2019, the Working Group was presented with potential service models for consideration. The facility is not intended to be a detention centre and young people will not be in detention or "locked up". It is envisaged that the facility would be operated by an NGO provider who would develop and deliver the service based upon best interests of the young person and input from the local community, with a particular focus on partnering with Aboriginal elders to ensure connectedness to country and culture for youth participants.

Territory Families currently fund the operation of youth justice supported accommodation facilities in Darwin and Alice Springs, which are operated by Saltbush and ASYASS. These facilities operate a program that is designed to provide intensive support, supervision and case management to young people who are subject to court orders, with a focus on helping them succeed and get back on track through training and personal development following an interaction with the youth justice system.

It is envisaged that there will be a strong connection between this facility / service and the Back on Track Program which is currently being procured. Back on Track is intended to be a comprehensive program that supports young people across four elements:

1. Assessment and Case Management
2. Consequences, Reparation and Giving Back to the Community
3. Life Skills and Cultural Connection
4. Vocational Education, Training and Employment

It is likely that elements of the Back on Track program would be delivered at the facility, combined with a connection to services being delivered elsewhere in Tennant Creek.



The service arrangements described above are similar in philosophy to the model of service for youth detention centres in Spain, delivered by the Diagrama Foundation.

The Diagrama Foundation is an international non-Government organisation which is the largest provider of Youth Detention services in Spain.

Diagrama runs 38 separate centres across Spain, all with often a gender mix and often offering closed, semi-open and open sections all contained in the one facility.

These centres are secure detention facilities; simple structures, safety and security integral to the model, with consistent internal design features and often built in rural surrounds. The principle of being close to home is obvious, with family encouraged to visit at any time and periodic release enabling ongoing community integration as appropriate.

Young people detained in facilities operated by the Diagrama Foundation are housed in separate units with no more than 12 young people in each. Each unit has a system of rewards and privileges, which encourages young people to progress through a five-staged model of care from induction through to a stage of autonomy. The objective of day, weekend and longer periods of release is part of the re-socialisation process.

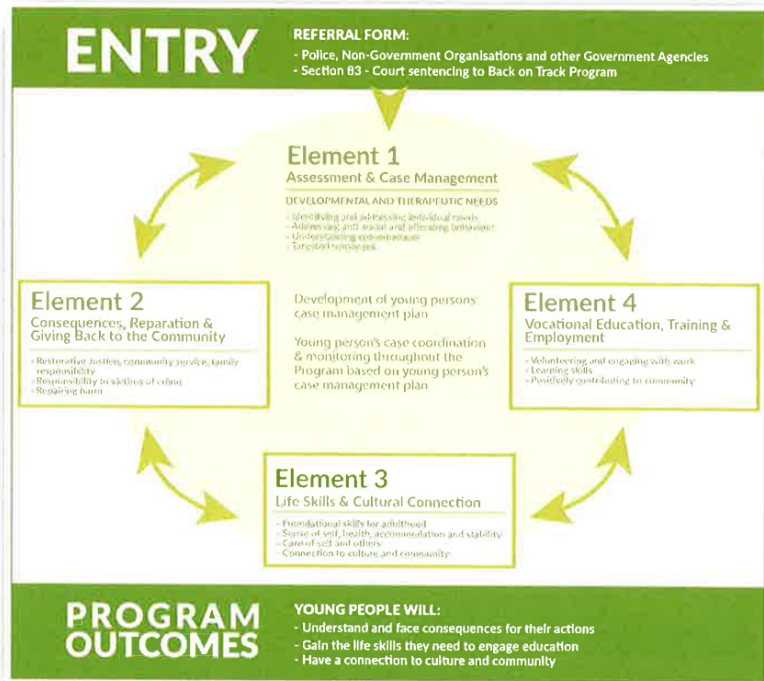
Other models for consideration include a supported accommodation model, a vocational training model or identified program specific model.

3. Feedback on building design

The NT Government Department of Infrastructure Planning and Logistics will be providing direction on the design of the facility buildings. The buildings will comprise of modular, transportable style buildings made up of accommodation and other essential facilities and amenities which are safe and secure. In future Working Group meetings, we will explore with you the aesthetics and fit-out for the buildings, the importance of outdoor areas, cultural appropriateness and program space needs.

Next steps:

You are invited to attend the next Working Group meeting and provide your feedback. Meeting will be held on **14 June 2019, 11am to 1pm** at the Barkly Regional Council Chambers **41 Peko Road Tennant Creek**.



GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 4.2
TITLE Regional Deal Update
REFERENCE 280570
AUTHOR Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority:

- a) Receive and note the update

SUMMARY:

The Governance Table hasn't met since the last Council Meeting as the scheduled meeting was postponed due to a large number of absences. The next Governance Table meeting is scheduled for August.

Tim Chandler has been appointed as the Barkly Backbone Executive Officer. Tim may commence on the 29 July 2019, this date is to be confirmed.

The Youth Justice Facility Working Group had its second meeting on the 17th July. This is the only working group that has met so far.

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

GENERAL BUSINESS

ITEM NUMBER 4.3
TITLE Confirmation of Next Meeting Date
REFERENCE 280640
AUTHOR Robert Smith, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Confirm the date of the next Local Authority meeting as the 2nd of October 2019.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

ACTION ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

ITEM NUMBER 5.1
TITLE Action Items from Previous Meeting
REFERENCE 280571
AUTHOR Robert Smith, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- a) Receive and note the report
- b) Confirm & remove all completed items from the Action List

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

1 [↓](#) Ampilatwatja Action List October 18.pdf

 <p>BARKLY REGIONAL COUNCIL</p>	<p>AMPILATWATJA LOCAL AUTHORITY ACTION LIST</p>	<p>Updated 28 May 2019</p>
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MEETING DATE	TASK / PROJECT	ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN	BUDGET SOURCE	ACTION LEADER	COMPLETED/STATUS
09/05/2018	Solar lights	Lights have been collected, awaiting installation next week by municipal crew.		AM	Ongoing Installation to commence soon.

AREA MANAGERS REPORT

ITEM NUMBER 6.1
TITLE Area Managers Report
REFERENCE 280577
AUTHOR Robert Smith, Area Manager - Ampilatwatja

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority:

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) ampilatwatja LA REPORT 5 7 19.pdf
- 2 [↓](#) AREA MANAGER REPORT July-August 2019.docx
- 3 [↓](#) General Information.docx



NIGHT PATROL LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORT

COMMUNITY Ampilatwatja

DATE: 5/7/2019

Staff Members

Team Leader: TBA

Night Patrol Officers: Barnabus Morton, Ellwin Holmes, Troy Morton.

Hours of Operation: Monday to Friday 6pm – 11pm

Guiding Principles for Night Patrol

- Deliver culturally appropriate assistance to Indigenous people at risk of either causing harm or being harmed, including children out after dark, intoxicated people, substance abusers, young people, victims of violence and the homeless
- Recognise that all individuals have the right to be safe in the community
- Recognise that the whole community, not solely the Community Night Patrol, has a responsibility to work towards the prevention of anti-social, destructive and illegal behaviours
- Promote the Project and enhance access to social, health and community service through partnerships and relationships with other service providers
- Be ware of and responsive to the community safety needs and priorities of the communities
- or being harmed, including children out after dark, intoxicated people, substance abusers, young people, victims of violence and the homeless

Issues

Night patrol vehicle has so far cost over \$3,000 to be repaired from the Criminal Damage . Without a vehicle it makes it difficult to conduct any Night patrol duties, or submit any documentation.

Staff have been working alongside Sport n Rec, when in attendance, .

Induction training will have to be conducted again, so all staff will be up to date with Night patrol requirements when vehicle is repaired.

Training:

What: Aggressive Management Training.

When: 19th – 22nd May 2019.

Where: Tennant Creek

What: First Aid Training

When 21/7/2019

Where Tennant Creek.

All Night patrol staff have received induction training , in relation to the required documentation that needs to be filled out , ie. Time sheets, annual leave forms, vehicle checks , patrol reports and the requirements for submission. This action is ongoing due to a non functional Night patrol service.

Staff attending LLN training, whilst in community. This action assists staff to complete all relevant documentation. LLN will be ongoing.

AREA MANAGER REPORT –Ampilatwatja

Month – JULY-AUGUST 2019

GENERAL:

- *All essential services completed for the months of July -August*
- *School nutrition running Rainbow Gateway running from old clinic building*
- *Kailas LLC is back for a week through this month working with the Night Patrol and Aged Care and Municipal Crew*
- *We have a New Team Leader Elise Larkins for the S/R program in Ampilatwatja please make her welcome*
- *We still have been recruiting for a Team Leader in Aged Care in the mean- time the staff have been doing a great job running Aged Care by their selves without any issues GREAT JOB*
- *We have recruited 3 staff for N/P Ellwyn Holmes, Barnabus Morton and Amaziah Club still needing one more N/P staff.*

HIGHLIGHTS:

- *The Municipal staff have installed the solar street lights around the Community Black Spots*
- *We have 2 Lawn mowers and brush cutters for the Community to borrow that was requested at the last LA meeting. If anybody needs to use them you will need to put your name and address and a \$20.00 deposit down in a book and when you have returned them back to the work shop in clean condition the deposit will be returned please see Maurice at the Work Shop.*
- *Have also got a quote from Pederson Builders for abolition block*

The Municipal crew have installed 18 solar lights in Morton St, Luck St, South St and one near the N/P office around the community Black spots.

ISSUES:	Have had damage done to the Sport and Rec Electrical cage some one turning the power off. Have installed a new cage to prevent damage.
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CORE BUSINESS and PROGRAMS (n/a if Program not run in community) As much detail as is necessary for the Directors – this section does not go to Council unless the Director decides something should

ADMINISTRATION	90 hours/month. I have spent more time in the office this month making sure that all the reports were covered.
DEPOT	All services in the depot are running normally 20 hours/month Municipal team working well, but still need daily guidance
ESSENTIAL SERVICES	ESO duties being fulfilled. I have had to cover 1 week and week end on call in the last month while staff were away.
SPORT & REC	Program has been running for the Month of June. Elise Larkins is the Team leader for Sport and Rec
AGED CARE	Aged care has been running well all staff has stepped up while we recruit.
NIGHT PATROL	Night Patrol running with 3 N/P staff
SNP	School Nutrition taken over by Rainbow Gateway working from the old Clinic.

General Information:

- Commenced work at Ampilatwatja on the 19th of August 2019
- Holding a Fathers/ Special person night at the baseball court on Friday 23rd of August.
- Working with the children has been good they all seem to like coming to the Sport and Recreation program
- I have decided to use one of the containers that locks as an arts and craft room as there is no other shelter for the children as they were saying they were cold when it would get dark
- Some of the older boys came down on Wednesday the 21st of August and said that they wanted to use the band equipment- bought it down from the house and they played music. Explained to them if they came down every Wednesday it can be a reoccurring event and they can use the band equipment. –they said they would
- Paint was bought to cover up the graffiti on the basketball walls – possibly get older people to help with the painting- discussion of the possibility to transform into mural of native artwork by community artists and elders and appropriate artwork from children.
- Hiring Kenneth Morton – he has stated he would like to start to run football training therefore looking to have Tuesday and Thursday as football training nights both boys and girls
- The male toilet block is blocked and one of the girls toilet is blocked have spoken with Bob and plumbing is getting organised

Future Action:

- Programs that I would like to implement now and in future are football, softball, tennis, volleyball and cricket as the children have expressed interest in all the above sports
- Recreational activities I would like to implement in future and now is bush trip with Elders and children and painting the basketball stadium
- Have the oven connected in the kitchen to provide more nutritional meals to the children
- Hold a AFL grand final night for the children on Friday 27th of September
- Keep the children involved in the programs and relate the programs to what they want.

CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA

ITEM NUMBER	9.1
TITLE	Monthly CEO Report
REFERENCE	279760
AUTHOR	Tim Hema, Area Manager - Ali Curung

RECOMMENDATION**That Council**

- (a) Receive and note the Director of Operations report.

SUMMARY:

The month of August has been quiet with low staffing levels on communities due to 60th Anniversary Rodeo at Mt Isa.

- Local Authority meetings were cancelled in Ampilatwatja, Ali Curung, Arlurrurulam and Arparra, mostly in part to people attending Mt Isa Rodeo. Wutunugurra did not get numbers for quorum.
- Attended the Elliott meeting with the Mayor also checking out new Weights Gym, grass at the new oval, Tennis court /cricket areas, YSR centre and landfill.
- Trip to Elliot with Director of Infrastructure to look at solutions to control the dust blowing off the dirt berms at the oval.
- Area Managers attended the recall in Tennant Creek 12 -15 August 2019. Positive discussions and information sharing were given by CEO, Mayor, HR, Training, Finance, Director of Community Services, Director of Infrastructure and Area Managers. During this time a trip by all the Area Managers was taken out to Ali Curung to look at the Landfill there.
- Years of Recognition Morning tea was provided for relevant staff that have served 5 years or more, certificates and pins were awarded. Well done and congratulations to all the recipients.
- CEO Steve Moore has extended his leave period, Mark Parsons will continue as acting CEO till further notice.
- I have enjoyed my time acting as Director of Operations for this period and will be handing over to Shelly McDonald who will take over the acting Director role 16th to 27th Aug 2019.

BACKGROUND**ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT****BUDGET IMPLICATION****ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES****CONSULTATION & TIMING****ATTACHMENTS:**

CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA



ITEM NUMBER 9.2
TITLE Governance Table Report
REFERENCE 280930
AUTHOR Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and Note the verbal update on the Governance Table Meeting.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

NIL

ATTACHMENTS:

CEO REPORT ON CURRENT BRC SERVICES IN LA AREA



ITEM NUMBER 9.3
TITLE Progress for Regional Deal Meeting Schedule
REFERENCE 280937
AUTHOR Vanessa Goodworth, Executive Assistant to CEO and Mayor

RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- a) Receive and note the report.

SUMMARY:

The Confirmed Governance Table Meetings are schedule for:

22nd August

19th September

Attached is the Working Group approach, showing the 5 Phase approach being conducted for each working group.

Regional Workforce Strategy – Phase One

Youth Infrastructure and Services – Phase One

Economic Growth and Support – Phase One

Alternative to Detention Facilities – Phase Two, some elements of Phase 3 underway

Tennant Creek Visitor Park – Phase One (close to moving to the next Phase)

BACKGROUND

NIL

ORGANISATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT

NIL

BUDGET IMPLICATION

NIL

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

NIL

CONSULTATION & TIMING

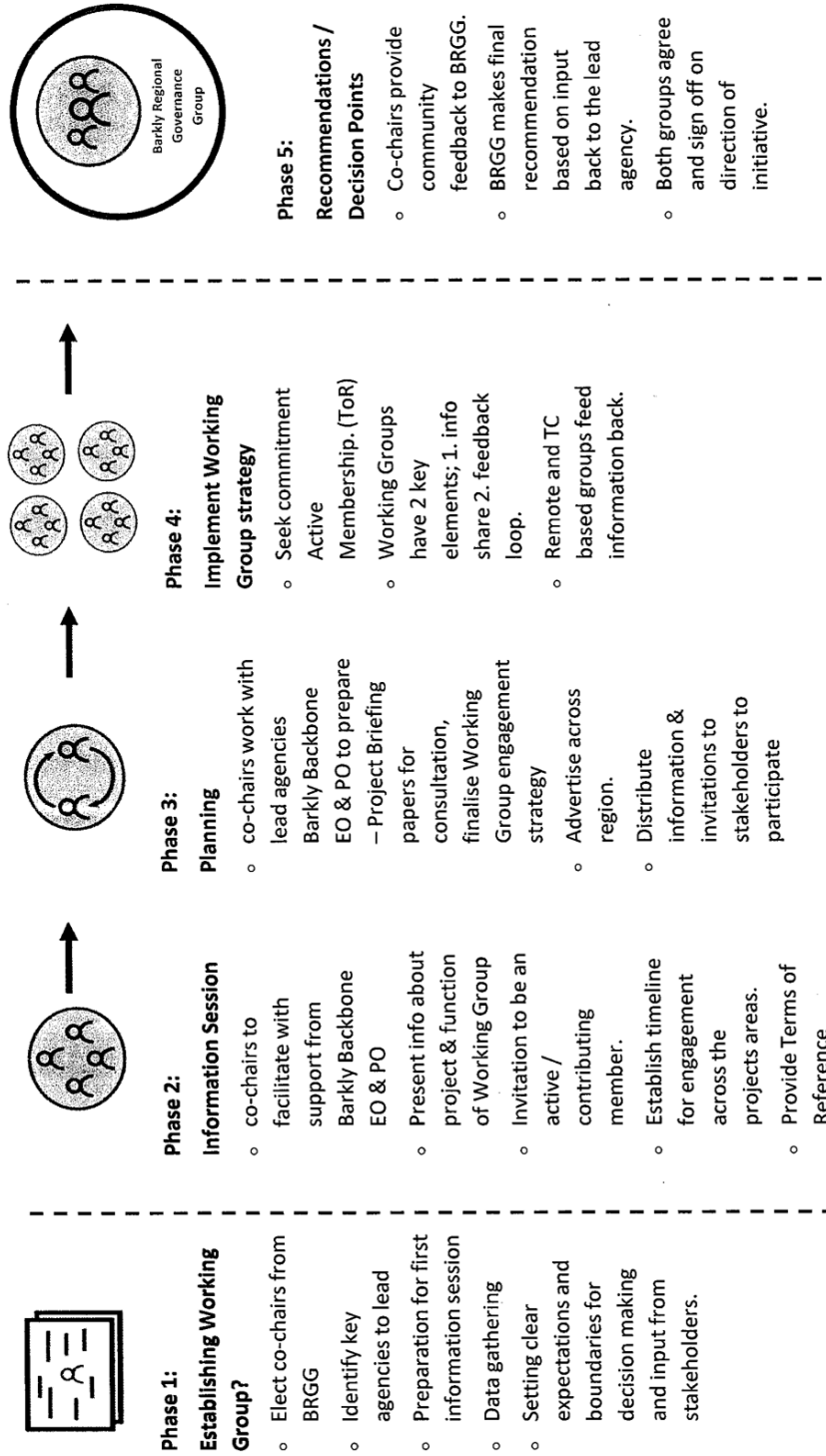
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ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [Working Groups Explained.pdf](#)

The Working Group approach

The diagram below provides an overview of the five key phases for delivery of Working Groups. Given the breadth of work that needs to be completed and the size of the Barkly region, engagement planning will be critical to ascertain the voice of remote communities in this process. The feedback loop of information will need to be managed closely by the Working Group Secretariat to ensure that all information is ready for the final recommendations. **DECISION POINT**



BRC'S RESPONSE TO LA ISSUES RAISED

ITEM NUMBER 10.1
TITLE Correspondance to Chief Minister
REFERENCE 280986
AUTHOR Makhaim Brandon, Administration Officer

RECOMMENDATION

That the Authority

- A) Receive and note the letter from the Chief Minister.

SUMMARY:

BACKGROUND

ISSUE/OPTIONS/CONSEQUENCES

CONSULTATION & TIMING

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1 [↓](#) Letter to Chief Minister 13 June 2019.pdf
- 2 [↓](#) Letter to Chief Minister 29 April 2019.pdf
- 3 [↓](#) Letter from Minister for Police 2 July 2019.pdf
- 4 [↓](#) Letter from Minister for LGHCD 4 July 2019.pdf



13 June 2019

Hon Michael Gunner MLA
Chief Minister
Northern Territory Government

Dear Chief Minister,

Michael

I am writing to you to seek your feedback in regard to concerns raised by community members throughout the Barkly region.

Before I discuss the latest concerns I would like to express our Council's disappointment in that we have still not received a detailed reply from your office to our letter of 29 April 2019 regarding matters raised at a Public Forum.

During regular visits to Elliott, residents often raise concerns with me about the standard of housing in the North Camp (Gurungu) and South Camp (Wilyuku) and the need for your government to invest in new housing that will provide a safe and healthy environment for children to grow and thrive.

The Barkly Regional Council first wrote to you on 21 December 2017 to query housing arrangements in Elliott and to ask why a house destroyed by fire earlier that year had not been replaced in the South Camp (Wilyuku). Sadly, the house has still not been replaced.

In Arlparra, residents have expressed concern about your government's commitment to build 15 new homes which now appears to have come to a standstill. We were advised by residents that, since your government handed over 3 new homes in about April 2017 there has only been a further 2 homes built and the status of the remaining 10 new homes is now unknown.

On 20 May 2019, the 2019-20 Budget Overview was delivered by the Treasurer in Tennant Creek where a number of questions were asked. On behalf of the Barkly Regional Council I asked about the 'Grant Efficiency Dividend' of around 3% being applied to grants managed by Councils and the Non-Government Sector and the financial impact this will have on the Barkly region. To date, our Council has not received a response.

I also used the opportunity to speak with the Treasurer about the removal of policing services at Alpururulam and the need to reinstate the position of Business Champion that your government removed from Tennant Creek over two years ago.

One of the ongoing concerns raised by residents in the Barkly region is when calling for police assistance after hours and not being given a clear answer as to whether police will or will not be responding to the reported incident. Residents advise that they are frustrated that the call centre operator is unwilling or unable to make a decision while speaking on the phone with the complainant.

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Can you please provide a response to the above concerns and the following questions:

1. When can our Council expect to receive a detailed response to our letter to you dated 29 April 2019?
2. In early 2017, a house at South Camp, Elliott was destroyed by fire and eventually demolished. Will your government be replacing the house? If not, why not? If so, when will construction of the replacement house commence?
3. Do you agree with our Council and many of the residents in Elliott that your government should negotiate long term leases over the Elliott Town Camps with the land holders and provide support to the residents to establish a Housing Reference Group or an Aboriginal Corporation to partner with government to maintain and manage the housing stock in accordance with the Residential Tenancies Act? If not, why not? If so, can you please advise what stage your government is at with this?
4. Can you please advise the status of your government's commitment to build 15 new homes in Arlparra and the timeframe for delivering the remaining 10 new homes?
5. Rather than quoting percentages, what is the financial impact in real dollar terms of your government's efficiency dividend and the grant efficiency dividend being applied to government agencies, our Council and the non-government sector in the Barkly region?
6. Can you please advise your government's timeframe for building a new police station in Alpurrurulam, when will the permanent police presence be restored and whether there are any negotiations occurring with Queensland to establish a Cross Border Policing arrangement in the Alpurrurulam Community?
7. Does your government intend to reinstate the position of Business Champion / Business Development Officer in Tennant Creek? If not, why not? If so, on what date will the position be advertised?
8. When a resident in a remote locality reports an incident to police after hours can you advise whether or not the call centre operator has the authority to advise the complainant whether police will attend the complaint? If not, at what point in the process is the complainant advised of the decision as to whether or not police will attend to the complaint and by what means is the complainant advised of the decision?

Thank-you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Edgington
Mayor
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29 April 2019

Hon Michael Gunner MLA
Chief Minister
Northern Territory Government

Dear Chief Minister, *Michael*

I am writing to you in regard to constant concerns being raised about the high level of property related crime occurring in Tennant Creek and the issues raised at a Public Forum on Monday 8 April 2019.

As elected members of the Barkly Regional Council we have continually monitored publicly available crime statistics, listened to the concerns raised by residents and acted by convening a Public Forum to allow people to have a say about property crime, how they've been affected and to provide some ideas about what needs to be done to reverse this alarming trend.

Over 120 concerned residents and business people attended the Public Forum and confirmed they had each been affected by property crime either as a victim or by knowing a friend or family member who has been directly impacted by crime. People spoke about their fear of crime and having to change plans for holidays and being concerned about leaving their houses unattended. The level of repeat victimisation was quite alarming with many dwellings and business premises being broken into multiple times leading to substantial costs, time and personal impact.

Concerns raised during the Public Forum included children of young ages roaming the streets late at night and in the early hours of the morning with no parental supervision or control. The lack of advocacy for victims, assistance with victim impact statements, lack of feedback about investigation outcomes, court dates and sentencing were all raised. Many people are interested in participating in victim offender conferencing but it was clear that there was little opportunity to do so.

Possible solutions raised at the Public Forum included a curfew, young children to be removed from the street and placed into a safe house, parents to be held responsible for their children's actions, justice reinvestment, greater use of victim offender conferencing, alternative detention programs, advocacy for victims, promotion of the BizSecure program to assist small businesses, delivery of arts, music and drama programs to engage young people at school and greater involvement with the Aboriginal community to help find solutions.

To help our Council understand what is happening with the management of property crime in Tennant Creek, can you please provide a response to the above concerns and to the following questions:

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1. What is the current gazetted number of police officers, police auxiliaries and aboriginal community police officers in Tennant Creek?
2. Are each of the above positions currently filled with staff on the ground in Tennant Creek? If not, how many vacancies are there?
3. Does your government have a Victims of Crime Charter in place? If so, are you satisfied that there are sufficient resources in Tennant Creek to ensure it is implemented effectively?
4. Is there an established position dedicated to supporting the safety and well-being of victims, helping with financial assistance, preparation of victim impact statements, and providing information throughout the justice process? If not, why not and will your government consider establishing such a position in Tennant Creek?
5. Restorative justice conferencing or victim offender conferencing can be effective in providing an opportunity for a young person to admit to an offence, accept responsibility for what they have done, understand how their actions have affected other people, including their victim and start repairing some of the harm caused by their offending behaviour to make amends. Does your government have legislation in place to allow for pre-court, sentencing and post-court conferencing? If so, under what circumstances is it used in Tennant Creek and across the Barkly region?
6. How many victim offender conferences have been held in Tennant Creek and the Barkly region since 1 January 2017?
7. On what date will your government's 'Back on Track' program commence in Tennant Creek?
8. What powers do Police and Territory Families have to remove children of young ages roaming the streets of Tennant Creek late at night and in the early hours of the morning with no parental supervision or control and under what circumstances are these powers exercised?
9. Does your government have in place any legislation that holds a parent responsible for the criminal actions of their child by way of a financial penalty, responsibility for paying compensation to a victim for property stolen or damage caused to another person's property? If not, why not? If so, can you please provide an overview of the legislation currently in place?
10. Does your government support a night-time curfew for young people? If not, why not? If so, how do you propose to develop and implement such a curfew?
11. If a child is identified by your government as being at risk or at risk of entering the justice system what steps does your government take in regard to early intervention and prevention with the child and their family?
12. What is your government doing to promote, support and deliver the BizSecure program in Tennant Creek?
13. Is your government involved in the delivery of arts, music and drama programs to engage young people at the Primary and High Schools in Tennant Creek? If not, why not? If so, can you please provide an overview of how the programs are working at the moment?
14. Does your government have any plans to increase the delivery of arts, music and drama programs to engage young people both during and out of school hours? If not, why not? If so, what plans does your government have in place?

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15. Given the ongoing concern, fear and level of property crime in Tennant Creek, has your government conducted an analysis to determine the causes of the problem, including the underlying causes of property crime and crime in general? If not, why not? If so, what was the outcome of the analysis, what evidence-based response has been implemented to reduce and prevent property crime and how is the response being evaluated?
16. Does your government have in place a documented Crime Reduction Plan in place for Tennant Creek to reduce crime in the short, medium and long-term? If so, can you please provide our Council with a copy of the Plan? If a Plan is not in place, does your government intend to develop a whole of government, whole of community Plan to reduce and prevent crime?

In closing, our Council is very concerned about the level of repeat victimisation with some dwellings and business premises being broken into multiple times leading to substantial costs, time and personal impact. As recent as today, our Council continues to receive additional reports from business and residents about crime, repeat victimisation, the fear of further crime and concerns that not enough is being done by government to tackle the issues raised during the Public Forum.

The Barkly Regional Council is keen to work in partnership with your government to reduce crime, we thank-you for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,



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Mr Steven Edgington
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Dear Mr Edgington, *Steve*

Thank you for your letter to the Chief Minister concerning the public forum in Tennant Creek. Due to the nature of the issues you raised stem largely from a community crime forum, as Police Minister, I am responding to your correspondence.

All Territorians have the right to be safe. As a government we have listened and will continue to listen and act.

I am sure you recognise that the recently-signed Barkly Regional Deal addresses some of the concerns raised at the meeting.

Over the past 12 months the Government has delivered on programs and services to address long-standing issues affecting Tennant Creek. We intend to continue with this work because the safety of the children of Tennant Creek is an absolute priority for this government. But having said that, we also want to ensure that people who are doing the wrong thing in Tennant Creek are held to account for their actions.

As you would appreciate, alcohol restrictions and the full point-of-sale-intervention coverage at takeaway outlets in Tennant Creek have had a dramatic impact on alcohol-related violence and anti-social behaviour in Tennant Creek. There are currently four Police Auxiliary Liquor Inspectors in town and there will be more in the future.

Official monthly crime statistics for March show total offences in Tennant Creek were also encouraging with total offences down by 8 per cent. Offences against the person were down 22 per cent, while assault was down by 24 per cent. Theft and related offences were down 14 per cent, while commercial breaks fell by 28 per cent.



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The implementation of alcohol restrictions in March 2018 have not only reduced crime but also Hospital admissions. Alcohol related Emergency Department presentations reduced from 86 admissions in February 2018 to 43 in March 2019 which is a fall of 50 per cent.

There was a spike in property crime in April and early May but Police advise this has, in the most part been addressed. Once these incidents were reported, additional resources (including detectives from Tennant Creek and Alice Springs) were allocated to the matter. The efforts of Police from both Tennant Creek Alice Springs led to 12 apprehensions in relation to unlawful entries. I am sure, like me, you would want to recognise the great work done by Police on these matters.

There are currently 52 sworn officers in Tennant Creek, which I am advised is more than adequate to support regular front-line duties. On 1 July 2016, just before Labor came to government there were 41 sworn officers in Tennant Creek. The Police response to the recent property crime series shows, additional officers can be, and will be, deployed to Tennant Creek if Police management considers it warranted. As you would appreciate, flexibility is essential to modern policing. Currently there are two vacancies due to recent staff departures that are in the process of being filled but are not impeding on the frontline service delivery.

The Northern Territory Police continue to work collaboratively with both government and non-government agencies, including regular inter-agency management meetings. This involves identifying youth at risk, which allows agencies to work in partnership to case-manage the young people and importantly, assist the families with appropriate services.

Tennant Creek Police continue to target young people who are at risk of offending while also working with Youth Patrol and Youth Link programs to address the issue of children on the street at night by providing supervision of a responsible adult.

The NT Police have a Victim of Crime Charter which includes the principals that victims should be treated with courtesy, compassion and respect; Victims should not be discriminated against on the basis of age, sex, race, ethnicity or cultural background; and Victims should be provided with appropriate information, advice and support assistance. The high professional service provided by NT police to victims is central around upholding these principals.

It is also worth noting existing victim counselling services are available locally through Catholic Care NT, as well as Territory-wide through a 24-hour phone support and crisis counselling service, which is operated by Victims of Crime NT. Victims of Crime also have a full-time support officer in Alice Springs, who services Tennant Creek.

Territory Families is developing more diversion programs and alternatives to detention to get young people from the Barkly who offend back on track. You will be aware of the announcement of \$5.5m for the construction of the facility that will focus on skill development and pathways to employment for young offenders. Further announcements will be made shortly about other programs being developed under the NT Government's "Back on Track" initiative.

In addition, and as part of the Barkly Regional Deal, Government has agreed to provide a safe accommodation facility as an alternative to detention for those on bail, police-ordered diversion or court orders. The work to develop this project is being developed as a priority by Territory Families, including securing a provider to deliver the services. Other parts of

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the Regional Deal include youth crisis accommodation, student boarding accommodation, trauma-informed care, community mediation and investment in sport and recreation.

As a government we also continue to assess social-service investment in the Barkly region which seeks to identify and address funding and delivery gaps, which have been overlooked for too long.

This work is starting to have an impact in a number of areas of social need and I am confident the current initiatives, combined with the Barkly Regional Deal will create long term benefits for Tennant Creek.

The Biz Secure program has been very successful in offering opportunities for businesses to improve security. To assist even more businesses, the Program has now been expanded and aligned with the Alcohol Secure Program. Businesses are now able to apply for up to \$10,000 for security improvements, including a Crime Prevention through Environmental Design audit, without co-contribution. A further \$10,000 is available with a co-contribution, so that businesses can now access up to a total of \$20,000 in grant funding for security improvements, using Territory enterprises to do the work. Further details and contact information can be found on the website www.bizsecure.nt.gov.au.

Should you have any further enquiries regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Edgington

I am writing in response to your letter to the Chief Minister dated 13 June 2019, regarding housing issues at Elliott and other matters.

You may be aware that the Labor Government is delivering a huge amount of housing across the Territory. As part of the Labor Government's investment in housing covering towns, remote communities and town camps, \$5.5 million has been allocated to housing and associated works in Elliott. Consultations with community members under our Local Decision Making policy are guiding the scope of works. Government is also working with local community members and the Northern Land Council to address leasing of the Elliott town camps and to create a local body to manage and maintain housing into the future.

In Arlparra the ten remaining houses are due to commence in 2019 along with further works in the Utopia region.

Your Chief Executive Officer has received correspondence from the Department of Local Government, Housing and Community Development regarding the detail of the efficiency dividend for the Barkly Regional Council. As you would be aware, budget repair is necessary after being left with an \$876 million deficit by the former Government and having over \$500million cut from our GST by the Federal Coalition Government. The Northern Territory Government decided to request a pay freeze for all elected members as part of the budget repair measures, this may be something you wish to consider at the Council level.

As previously mentioned in a letter to you from the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services, Nicole Manison, date 9 April 2019, I can confirm that the Northern Territory



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Government is working to develop a cross-border agreement with Queensland which will see the establishment of a permanent police station in Alpururulam.

There is currently a business champion in Tennant Creek and the Department of Trade, Business and Innovation will shortly be advertising for a regional economic development manager for a period of 2 years as provided for under the Barkly Deal.

Authority to confirm Police attendance to a reported incident is at the Watch Commander and Territory Duty Officer level. Once a decision is made, the Triage Constable on duty within the JESCC will attempt to call the complainant to advise them of the decision that has been made. If the call is not answer then Police leave a message, if the complainant does not have a phone or has called from a pay phone, notification may not be possible.

Thank you for taking an interest in these important issues.

Yours sincerely



GERRY MCCARTHY
4/7/2019