



# Tiwi Islands Regional Council

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## Purpose

### Homelands Policy

This Policy aim is to acknowledge the importance for Tiwi people's movement and connection to our traditional land as well as working towards economic self-sustainability, social and mental wellbeing, cultural strength and learnings and better supports in place for children and young people from homelands region.

Tiwi Islands Regional Council is about Tiwi working for Tiwi and its vision is Services for Tiwi on the land of Tiwi Islands.

The Policy is to set out the guidelines of the operations of service delivery in the seven (7) funded MES homelands across the Tiwi Islands. For example Ranku and 4 Mile on Bathurst Island. On Melville Island are- Paru, Taracumbi; Takapimiliyi; Condor Point; Putjamirra.

Tiwi Islands Regional Council is to continue to strengthen the relationship of homelands, through its services through working closely with funding bodies for the betterment of homelands capital resources across the Tiwi Islands.

### Working for Tiwi's

For the purpose of a smooth operation of the Homelands Unit, the following is a guide to better service delivery by-

- Keeping Council informed of the needs of homelands issues and concerns.
- In line with MES minor repairs and maintenance to be carried out
- Advocate the funding bodies for funding for major projects to better support economic and cultural sustainability.
- To develop strong working relationships with homeland residents to support and address any issues arising.



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- Regular consultation with the homelands region through open communication and dialogue, in particular throughout the Wet Season.
- Always seeking new funds to better support the homelands and long term financial support.
- Aligned to sharing responsibility and services for Tiwi, a user payer system of a fees and charges to be implemented.
- The funds raised will be utilised to support the repairs and maintenance outside of MES funding within the homelands area.
- Homeland resident is provided on the proviso they are not tenant listed as a tenant of NT Housing or owns their own home.
- Project planning and management including the coordination of staff and external contractors.
- Work closely with the Tiwi Land Council Rangers programme to maintain obnoxious weeds and fire maintenance in the Dry Season.

## **Service delivery**

Homelands residents have the same rights as all other people living in the Tiwi Islands will continue to provide services to homelands based on these fundamental rights.

## **Residential service fees**

As part of sharing responsibility for living on homelands, the TIRC expects Homelands residents to contribute to the upkeep of their dwellings and homelands.

## **Performance Monitoring**

TIRC acknowledges the importance of collecting and utilising accurate information about homelands to inform governments, service providers and residents about the best way for homeland residents to access services.