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# Anindilyakwa Land Council Regional Work Plan HHIP 2024-2027

Homelands Housing and  
Infrastructure Program



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# Regional Work Plan Overview

## 1. Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program

On the back of the success of the delivery of the 2022-2024 “Restoring funding for Northern Territory Homelands” Federal Funding Agreement (FFA), the Northern Territory Government and Australian Government agreed to a further investment of \$120 million over 3 years to continue urgent upgrades across Northern Territory Homelands through the Homelands Housing and Infrastructure Program (HHIP). The 3-year Homelands agreement provides funding for critical repairs, maintenance, and infrastructure upgrades in homelands.

The HHIP is managed through the Department of Housing, Local Government and Community Development (DHLGCD), however decisions regarding planning, project selection and implementation are overseen by the Joint Steering Committee (JSC), which includes the following members:

- Central Land Council (CLC)
- Tiwi Land Council (TLC)
- Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC)
- Northern Land Council (NLC)
- Aboriginal Housing NT (AHNT)
- Australian Government
- Northern Territory Government

## 2. Joint Steering Committee

The JSC has agreed that Regional Work Plans will be developed by the Northern Territory Government in partnership with land councils and AHNT. Regional Work Plans will set out key regional priorities regarding housing and infrastructure needs. Plans will guide the allocation of \$120 million over the next 3 years (2024-2027).

The JSC has endorsed the following investment principles that guided project selection in 2023-2024:

- Homelands with a population over 50 persons (including the clustering of smaller connected homelands);

- Housing and infrastructure that is in average/poor condition and requires investment beyond regular repairs and maintenance;
- Homelands with existing access to education, and other services; and
- Homelands within proximity of a regional community – in recognition that homelands can reduce pressure on housing and other resources.

## 3. 2024-27 Program Funding Allocation

The following breakdown outlines the annual expenditure for works to be delivered to Northern Territory Homelands over the 2024-2027 program:

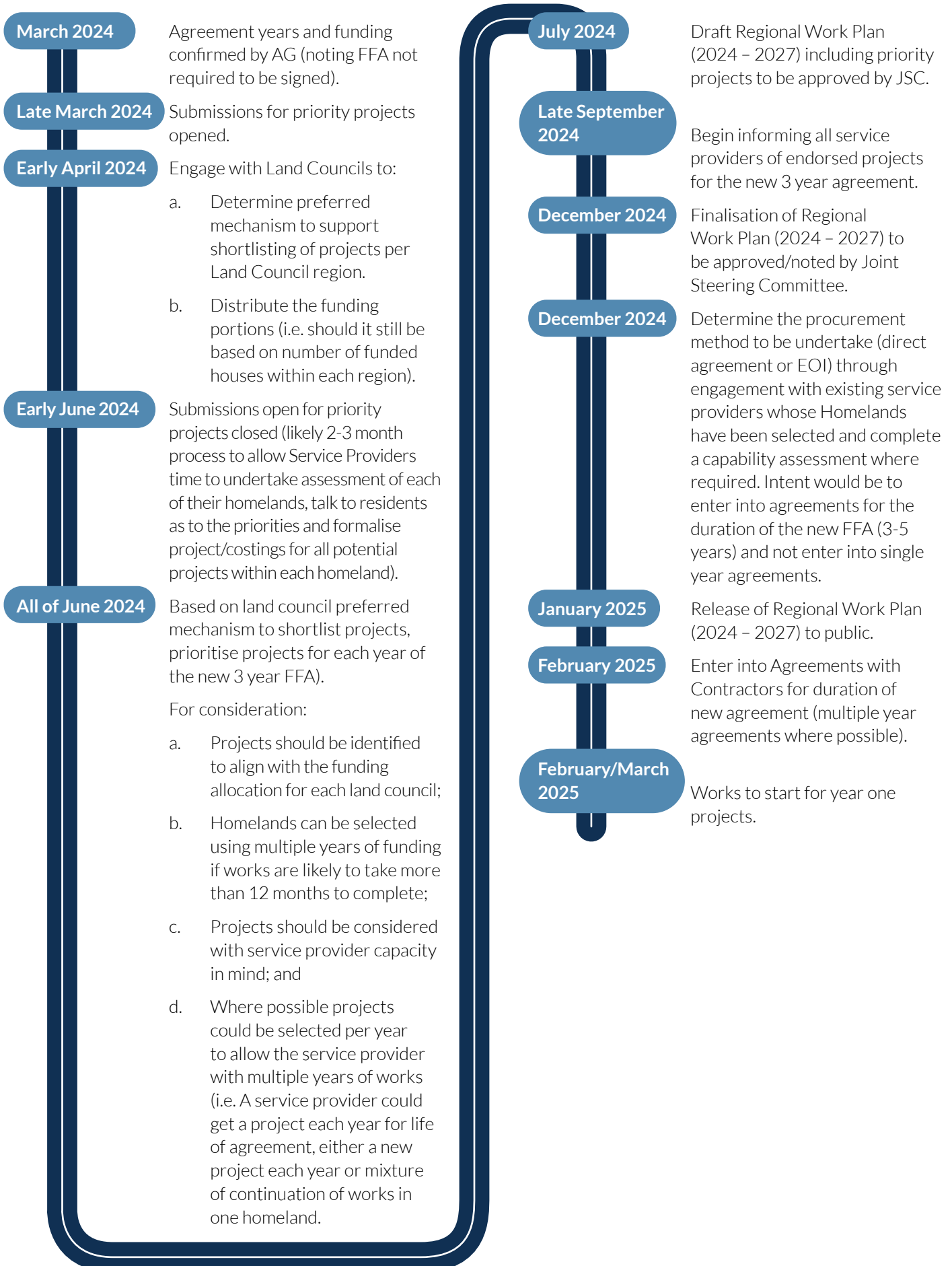
- \$36.0 million targeted investment into selected homelands, distributed among the four Northern Territory Land Council regions as follows:

Region	Portion of \$40M	Funding
Northern Land Council	54%	\$19.5M
Central Land Council	43%	\$15.0M
Anindilyakwa Land Council	3%	\$1.1M
Tiwi Land Council	1%	\$0.4M

- \$2.0 million dedicated to NT Wide initiatives aimed at improving water, power, and sanitation across all funded homelands; and
- \$2.0 million (5%) allocated for program administration costs.

## 4. Development Process

Timeline for the development of regional work plans is set out below:



Whilst the process for each Regional Work Plan has been tailored to suit local government structures, JSC members have generally performed the following roles:

### Land Councils:

- Develop principles to guide investment decisions; and
- Engage with Traditional Owners, Councillors and homeland service providers to determine priority projects.

### AHNT:

- Engage with homeland service providers to determine key housing and infrastructure issues and priorities; and
- Identify opportunities for increase Aboriginal community-controlled organisations to deliver works to their homelands.

### Northern Territory Government:

- Provide background information regarding housing and infrastructure on homelands, including any capital upgrades completed or underway; and
- Assist in the coordination of the Regional Work Plans.



# Anindilyakwa Land Council – Regional Work Plan 2024-2027

## 5. Stakeholders

### 5.1 Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC)

The ALC was established in 1991 replacing the role previously conducted by the Northern Land Council (NLC).

The ALC represents the Traditional Owners of the Groote archipelago and has jurisdiction over a large area of land and sea in the Groote archipelago with Traditional Owners of the land and sea country residing in the communities of Angurugu and Umbakumba on Groote Eylandt, and Milyakburra on Bickerton Island. There are also Satellite Communities located in Akwilirumanja (Four Mile), Bardalumba, Malkala, Mawulyumanja (Thompsons Bay), Ngadumiyerrka (Little Paradise), Wurrumenbumanja (Leske) and Yanbakwa.

Freehold title of the land comprising the Groote Archipelago is held by the Anindilyakwa Land Trust for the benefit of the Traditional Owners. The interest in land held by the Land Trust is known as inalienable freehold ownership. The Land Trust must act at the direction of the Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC).

The ALC Board comprises representatives from each of the 14 traditional family groups.

The key objects and functions of the ALC as set out in ALRA S23(1) are:

- Negotiate and enter into Aboriginal land use and access agreements with third parties on behalf of Traditional Owners and of other Aboriginal persons interest in the land;
- Assist in conducting commercial activities;
- Assist with traditional land claims and the protection of sacred sites;
- Consult with Aboriginal people in the Land Council area about the management of the land, and protect their interests; and
- Supervise, and provide administrative or other assistance for Land Trusts in the area.

The purpose of the ALC as directed by the Traditional Owners of the Groote Archipelago, is to protect, maintain and promote Anindilyakwa culture, invest in the present to build a self-sufficient future and create pathways for youth to stand in both worlds.

The ALC is guided by this purpose as it conducts its functions and responsibilities under the ALC's enabling legislation, the Aboriginal Land Rights Act (NT) 1976 (ALRA).

There are nine homelands funded under the Homelands Services Program in the Groote Region.



## 5.2 Aboriginal Housing Northern Territory

Aboriginal Housing Northern Territory (AHNT) is the incorporated peak body for the Northern Territory Aboriginal Community Controlled Housing Sector – including homeland and town camp service providers. AHNT represents a membership of 19 Aboriginal community-controlled organisations, with the 4 land councils associate members. AHNT advocates strongly for the returned control of housing design, development, and management to the Aboriginal community-controlled sector, and for increased Aboriginal decision-making across the system.

AHNT works closely with the Northern Territory and Australian governments, land councils, and other key partners to help build capacity and provide advocacy for the sector who currently provide housing and housing-related services to around 10,000 Aboriginal Territorians, living around 2,426 dwellings, across 382 homelands, and 43 town camps and community living areas across the Northern Territory.

## 6.3 Regional Stakeholders

Anindilyakwa Regional Stakeholders	Involvement
Aboriginal Housing Northern Territory	JSC Member
Anindilyakwa Land Council	JSC Member
Anindilyakwa Housing Aboriginal Corporation	Existing Homelands Service Provider



## 6. Investment Principles

The proposed priority projects were initially identified through inspections, feedback from service providers conducting works within communities, the Northern Territory Government Homelands Program team and consultation with community and the Homelands Housing Reference Group.

The selection of priority projects was based on the principles of:

- Highest need;
- Value for money;
- Equitable funding allocations across the communities; and
- Projects are not included under any alternative funding sources.





## 7. Priority Projects 2024-2027

### Groote Eylandt

Homelands	Funds Required
Akwilrrumanja (Four Mile)	\$132,250
Bardalumba	\$230,000
Malkala	\$471,500
Mawulyumanja (Thompsons Bay)	\$706,750
Ngadumiyerrka (Little Paradise)	\$235,750
Wurruumenbumanja (Leske)	\$1,265,000
Yanbakwa	\$258,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,300,000.00</b>





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