



ABORIGINALS BENEFIT ACCOUNT BENEFICIAL GRANTS PROGRAMME

HOMELANDS GRANTS

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Details of the homeland

Name of homeland: **Cannon Hill**

Community ID number: **304**

Preferred avenue for contacting the homeland – s11C [redacted] - FOI Act s47F [redacted] here to enter text.

Brief overview of the homeland.

Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannon Hill is located 45km north of Jabiru within Kakadu National Park, via sealed section of Oenpelli Road and approximately 12km gravelled road. GPS Coordinates: Longitude: 132.946 Latitude: -12.357
Access	Road - driving time is about 25 minutes from Jabiru with a 4WD; access is possible for most of the year. At the height of the wet season the community can be cut off from accessing Jabiru via road for 3-4 months.
Population	Permanent population at Cannon Hill is 15 persons, with extended population during funerals and cultural ceremonies.
Housing / Dwellings	3 houses and improvised dwellings
Other Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generator Shed Ablution Block Water Tanks Unsealed airstrip
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDP - FOIA s11C Ranger Work - s11C Seasonal Tourism - s11C
Education	The closest school to Cannon Hill is West Arnhem College, Jabiru Campus which is supported by the NT Government and provides transport to and from Cannon Hill.
Economic & Business Activities	There are limited economic and business activities at Cannon Hill. It is anticipated through the CDP activities, the jobseekers at Cannon Hill will have access to fresh fruit and vegetables via the community garden because the community is no longer accessible due to the wet season. It is hoped the garden will produce enough fruit and vegetables to be able to sell to the neighbouring communities eg Hawk Dreaming.
Cultural Activities	The community sits within the Kakadu National Park which is registered on the UNESCO World Heritage List as having outstanding cultural or natural values of international significance. Kakadu is an area of significance to Bininj people. The community is located in close proximity to the Ubirr Tourist attraction.
Other Activities of Interest	Nil

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☐ up to \$150,000

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s11C - FOI Act s47F
Email - FOI Act s47F

6. What do homeland residents think of the capacity of their MES provider to deliver activities under the Homelands Project? Provide reasons for their opinion and whether they have an alternative provider they would prefer to deliver the activities

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There is a limited number of providers and are happy for s11C to deliver the project if it is closely managed.

7. Confirmation that homeland residents understand that they are liable for ongoing maintenance of any infrastructure provided by the activities

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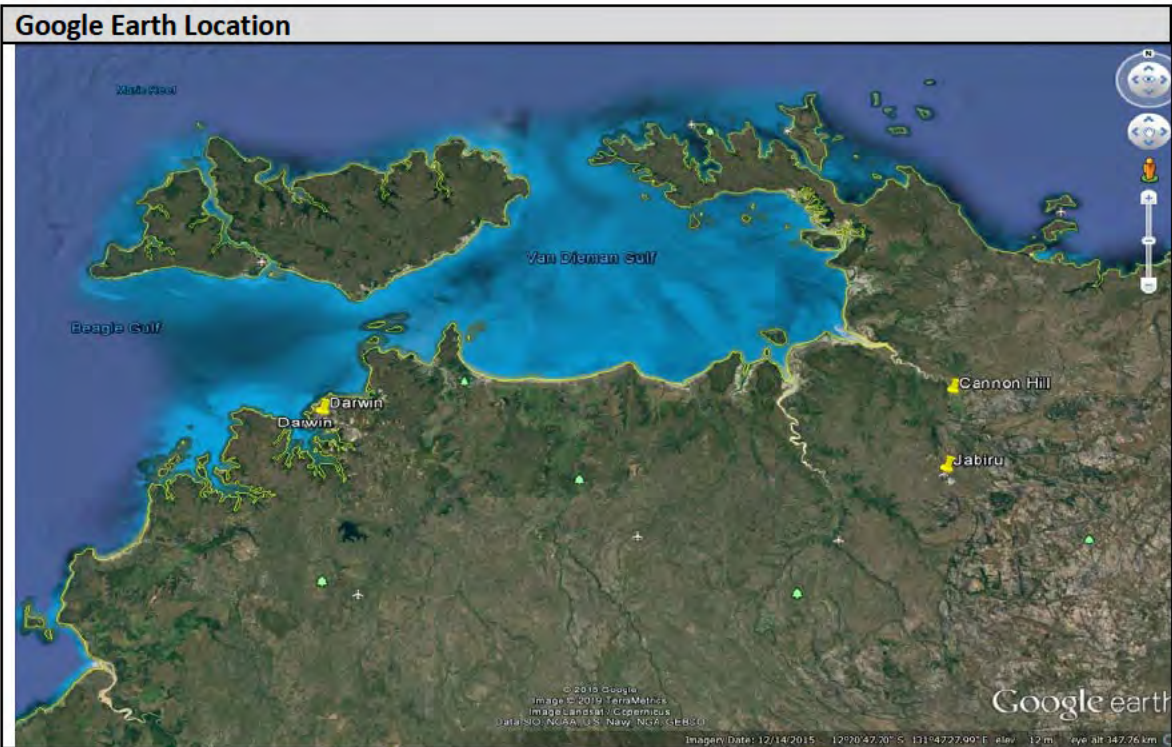
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Signature and name of land council representative

FOI Act s47F

Date 06/02/2019

Community Location & Photos



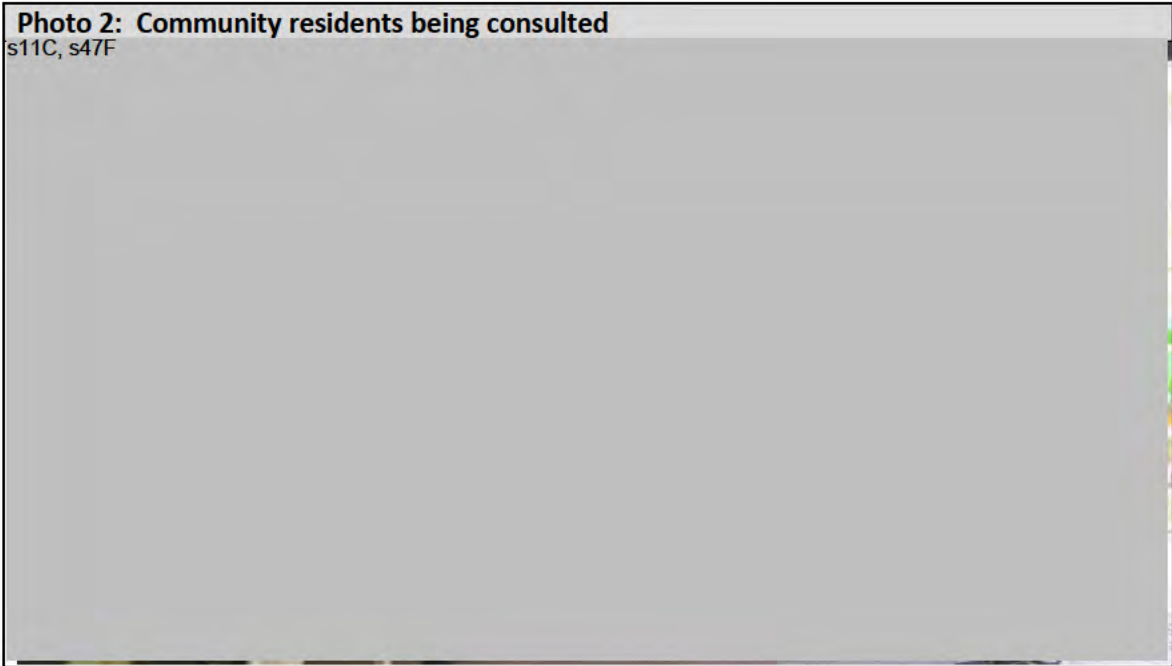
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Photo 2: Aerial Photo of Community with East Alligator flood plain in the background.



Community Consultation

Photo 2: Community residents being consulted
s11C, s47F



Other Community Infrastructure & Photos


Photo 6: Generator Compound



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1	Power Upgrade: Description of work: Cannon Hill- 3 Phase Generator Power Upgrade (installed into existing container)	FOI Act s47G 	Cannon Hill is a fully generator powered community which needs to be upgraded to a more cost effective and environmentally friendly hybrid system. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new renewable power system will produce more clean and reliable power. The residents will have dramatically reduced fossil fuel usage and contribute to an environmentally friendly atmosphere. Residents will take the advanced step towards a better power generation system, where there is significantly reduced costs to maintain. Noise pollution will be significantly reduced. The homelands service provider will have more funding available to spend on delivery and improvement of essential services on an ongoing basis. This will provide opportunities across a broad range of areas, including water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) facilities and community infrastructure. A more robust and reliable power supply, with power able to be provided by batteries or directly from the generator, should either system be unavailable 	To provide a reliable power source whilst saving cost on diesel fuel to run the generator. By upgrading the system to an off grid solar hybrid power system this will provide a reliable, cost effective renewable power source for all residents of the community. Benefits include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce the risks and reliance on diesel-powered generator. Reduce the ongoing electricity costs for all residents by upgrading renewable energy source. Relieve many of the stresses and risks associated with regularly interrupted power supply. Substantially improve living conditions, health and well-being by making a host of daily activities easier. Power upgrade will also assist business development opportunities on site. 	Homeland residents have basic skills and can assist to manage the site facilities, reporting issues and assisting technical support officers with basic servicing, repairs and maintenance.	No new lease will be required as all equipment will be located at and connected to existing essential service infrastructure. The solar array will occupy a larger space near the existing power generation site.



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Details of the homeland

Name of homeland: **Mudginberri**

Community ID number: **380**

Preferred avenue for contacting the homeland – s11C [redacted] - FOI Act s47F [redacted]

Brief overview of the homeland.

Location & Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• GPS Coordinates: Longitude: 132.873340; Latitude: - 12.597720• Mudjinberri is approximately 15kms from Jabiru & approximately 1.7km gravelled road. All year access.
Population	Permanent population of up to 75 people, population numbers can vary throughout the year with seasonal and ceremonial activities.
Housing / Dwellings	12 houses and improvised dwellings
Other Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Generator Shed• Swimming Pool• Community Garden• Women's Centre• Water Tanks
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• [REDACTED]
Education	The closest school to Mudjinberri is West Arnhem College, Jabiru Campus which is supported by the NT Government and provides transport to and from Mudjinberri.
Economic & Business Activities	There are not economic or business activities at Mudjinberri.
Cultural Activities	The community sits within the Kakadu National Park which is registered on the UNESCO World Heritage List as having outstanding cultural or natural values of international significance. Kakadu is an area of significance to Bininj people.
Other Activities of Interest	Nil

Package of funding offered to the homeland

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5. Which main external stakeholders would need to be consulted in the development and delivery of proposed activities (e.g. Regional Council; Power Water Corporation)? Include details of any stakeholder discussions that have already taken place

1. FOI Act s47F s11C
Phone: FOI Act s47F or email: FOI Act s47F
2. s11C – FOI Act s47F
3. Parks Australia – FOI Act s47F to liaise with Parks.
4. West Arnhem Regional Council – FOI Act s47F

6. What do homeland residents think of the capacity of their MES provider to deliver activities under the Homelands Project? Provide reasons for their opinion and whether they have an alternative provider they would prefer to deliver the activities

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Signature and name of land council representative

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Community Location & Photos

Google Earth Location



Photo 1 & 2: Aerial Photos of Community

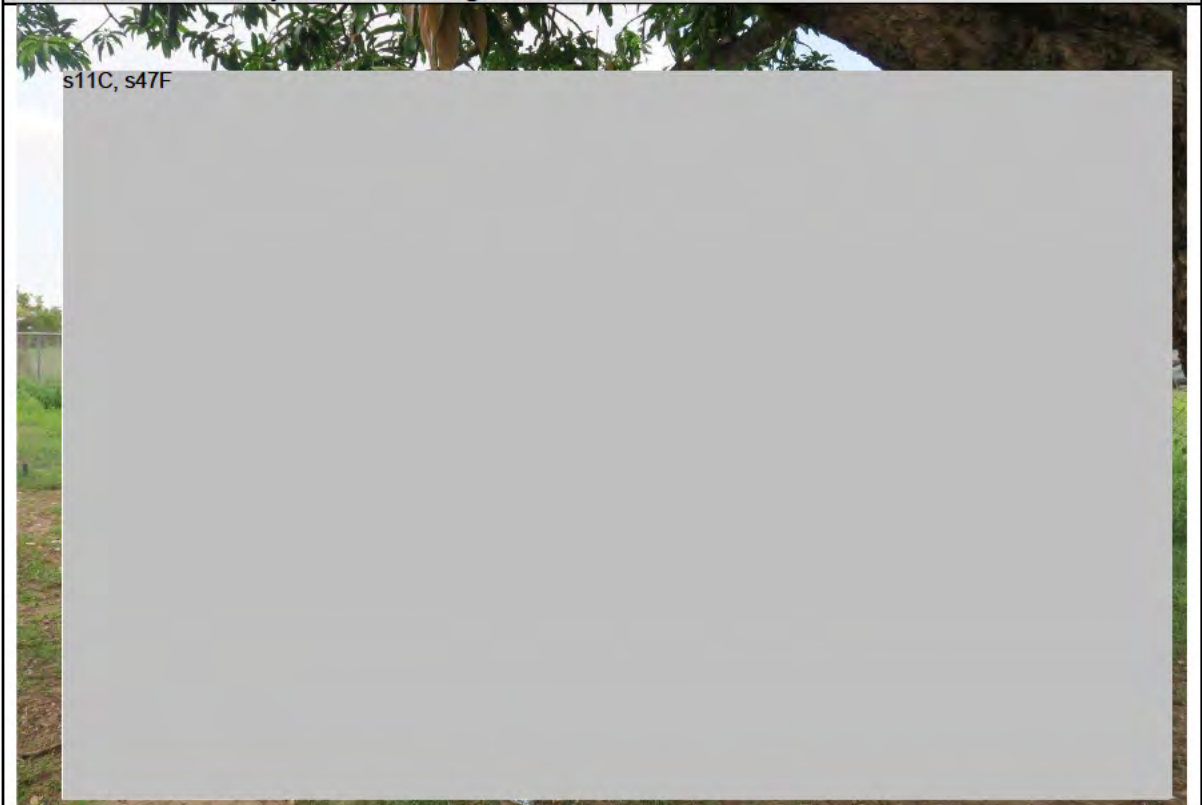


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Community Consultation

Photo 3: Community residents being consulted



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Other Community Infrastructure & Photos

Photo 8: Generator Shed



Photo 9: Water Tanks



Photo 10: Community pool



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Photo 11: Road to East Alligator (Arnhem Highway T/off to Mudjinberri T/off 10kms)

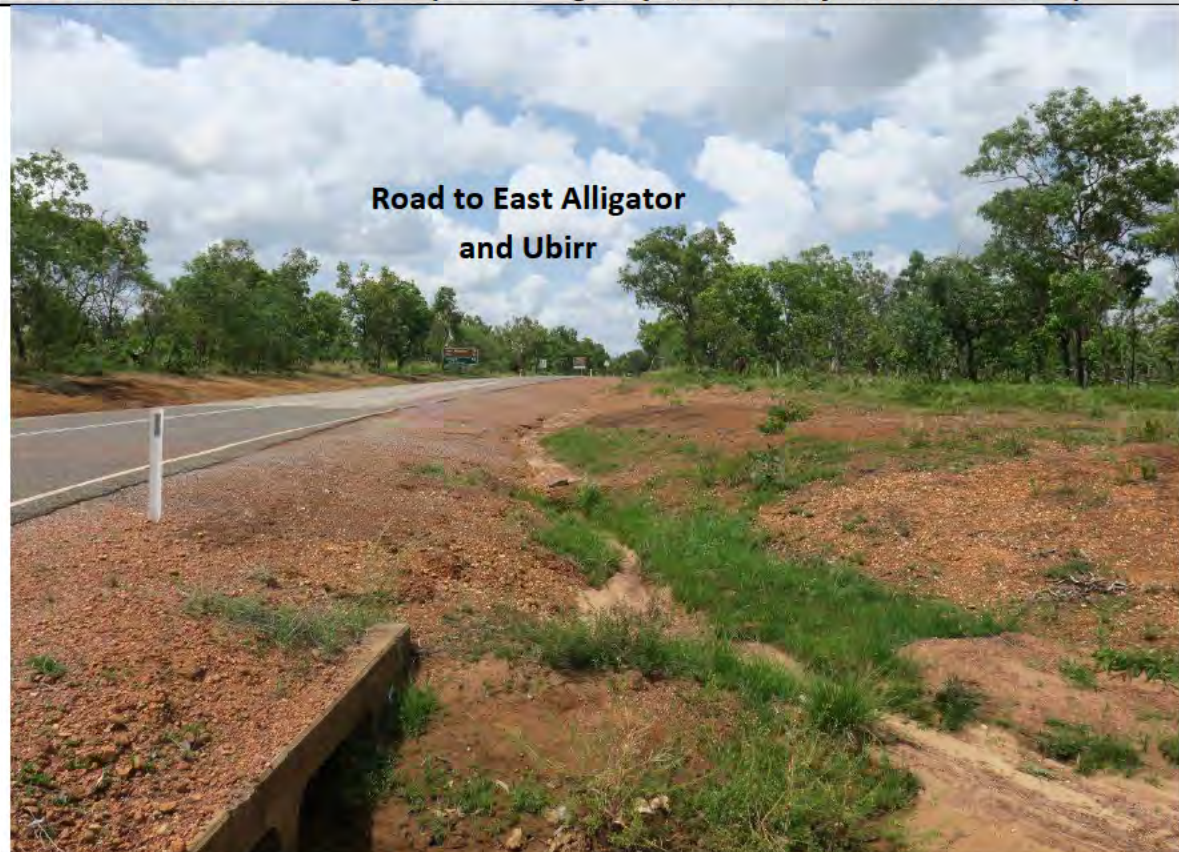


Photo 12: Water Tanks



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1	<p>Connect water to the Jabiru Township Mains Water supply.</p> <p>In order to determine all the costs associated with the proposed Mudginberri waterline, the Service Provider was asked to get a preliminary plan done, the Service Provider have approached couple of consultants in Darwin, attached is the fee offer with scope of works from one of them.</p> <p>s11C [REDACTED] have not initiated the scoping study; however, resolving the Mudjinberri water issue is the highest priority.</p>	FOI Act s47G [REDACTED]	It is evident that Mudginberri Community with a population all year round of 50-75 people doesn't have stable and reliable potable water source. The community does rely on couple of bores which have flow rates of .75 per litre second and .9 litre per second respectively. Given the community is only 10 to 11 km from the Arnhem Highway where the Jabiru Mains water supply runs, it is widely regarded that it would be more viable for the community to be connected to the Jabiru mains water supply.	<p>The community currently relies on a couple of old bores which have flow rates of .75 per litre second and .9 litre per second respectively. The water production fails to meet the community's needs.</p> <p>A significantly large number of test bores have been drilled around the Mudjinberri site; a large number of these failed and with others the yield is quite low. Potable water is necessary for the large community population and given the community is only 12 km from Jabiru via the road corridor and the Township Water supply from the bores near Mamakala provides sufficient water to Jabiru it is recommended that the community tap into the mains water supply.</p>	Homeland residents have basic skills and can assist to manage the site facilities, reporting issues and assisting technical support officers with basic servicing, repairs and maintenance.	To run a water line for 12 kms in the Kakadu National Park would require an environmental impact assessment and approval from Parks Australia. Preliminary investigations with Parks staff indicated the path of least resistance would be the proposed waterline should follow the road corridor instead of a direct route which would require significant clearance work and a much stricter environment impact assessment.



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Details of the homeland

Name of homeland: **Kapalga**

Community ID number: **980**

Preferred avenue for contacting the homeland – s11C [redacted]

[redacted] Click here to enter text.

Brief overview of the homeland.

Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GPS Coordinates: Longitude: 132.371 Latitude: -12.699 Kapalga is 58 km from Jabiru & approximately 3km in from the Arnhem highway on a gravelled road.
Population	Permanent population of 22 people, population numbers can vary throughout the year with seasonal and ceremonial activities.
Housing / Dwellings	5 houses and improvised dwellings
Other Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generator Compound Old Shed Water Tank
Employment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FOI Act s110 [REDACTED]
Education	The closest school to Kapalga is West Arnhem College, Jabiru Campus which is supported by the NT Government and provides transport to and from Kapalga
Economic & Business Activities	There are currently no economic or business activities at Kapalga.
Cultural Activities	The community sits within the Kakadu National Park which is registered on the UNESCO World Heritage List as having outstanding cultural or natural values of international significance. Kakadu is an area of significance to Bininj people.
Other Activities of Interest	Nil

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FOI Act s47F

Date

06/02/2019

Community Location & Photos

Google Earth Location



Photo 1: Aerial Photo of Community



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Other Community Infrastructure & Photos

Photo 6: Generator Compound (Aerial view)







Photo 7: Generator Compound (ground view)



Photo 8: Water Tank



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1	<p>Upgrade the Hybrid Solar System.</p> <p>Description of work: Kapalga – Increase community solar to decrease generator run times (check community power requirements)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replace community Inverter • Install 10kw solar & Fronius Primo 8.2.1 • New generator 	<p>FOI Act s47G</p>  	<p>The Bushlight system in the community was installed just over 10 years ago, since then power demands in the community have increased with a slight increase in population. Hybrid system in the community needs to be upgraded with replacement solar panels, inverter's and generator. An upgraded system will reduce running cost.</p>	<p>Generator has served community for 10 plus years and is due to be upgraded. By upgrading the off grid solar hybrid power system will provide a reliable, cost effective renewable power source for all residents of Paradise Farm. Benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the risks and reliance on diesel-powered generator. • Reduce the ongoing electricity costs for all residents by upgrading renewable energy source. • Relieve many of the stresses and risks associated with regularly interrupted power supply. • Substantially improve living conditions, health and well-being by making a host of daily activities easier. 	<p>Homeland residents have basic skills and can assist to manage the site facilities, reporting issues and assisting technical support officers with basic servicing, repairs and maintenance.</p>	<p>No new lease will be required as all equipment will be located at and connected to existing essential service infrastructure. The solar array will occupy a larger space near the existing power generation site.</p>
2	Mobile phone booster/ hot spot	<p>FOI Act s47G</p>  	<p>Provide a means of contacting emergency services during floods, fire and other unplanned events. Provide residents with reliable phone service and the ability to communicate outside of Homeland and to local support services</p>	<p>Mobile phones are the preferred means of communication on the Homeland. Community has intermittent mobile coverage from the Cooina Lodge repeater station. Residents travel up the road to get access to their mobile phones.- Residents will have access to phone services to contact emergency services and service providers</p>	<p>MES provider delivers services to the homeland and it is probable that the provider could co-support maintenance of the Telstra Booster with the residents.</p>	<p>No formal lease is required as the Booster would be fitted to an existing building</p>

FOI Act s22

From: FOI Act s47F
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Cc: s11C; FOI Act s47F
Subject: ABA Homelands Project
Attachments: Mudjinberri ID-380 6 Feb 2019.docx; Cannon Hill ID-304 6 Feb 2019.docx; FOI Act s22

Attn: s11C

Attached are the 4 that we have recommended s11C;

- Mudjinberri – s11C
- Cannon Hill – s11C
- FOI Act s22

Sent all Word Documents for this last lot. Will now send the others in word format for your editing.

Regards

FOI Act s47F

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DEPARTMENT OF THE PRIME MINISTER AND CABINET

PM&C
Secretary
Mr Griggs
s11C

To: Minister for Indigenous Affairs

ABORIGINALS BENEFIT ACCOUNT FEBRUARY 2019 GRANTS FUNDING
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Recommendations - that you:

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Agreed / Not Agreed

2. Indicate your agreement at Attachment C against proposals for delivering infrastructure in 56 homelands under the ABA Homelands Project.

Agreed / Not Agreed

FOI Act s22

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Date:

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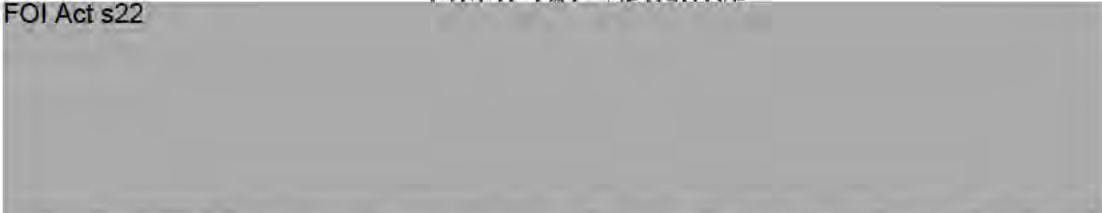
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LETTER TO LAND COUNCILS ON
HOMELANDS PROJECTS

Key Points:


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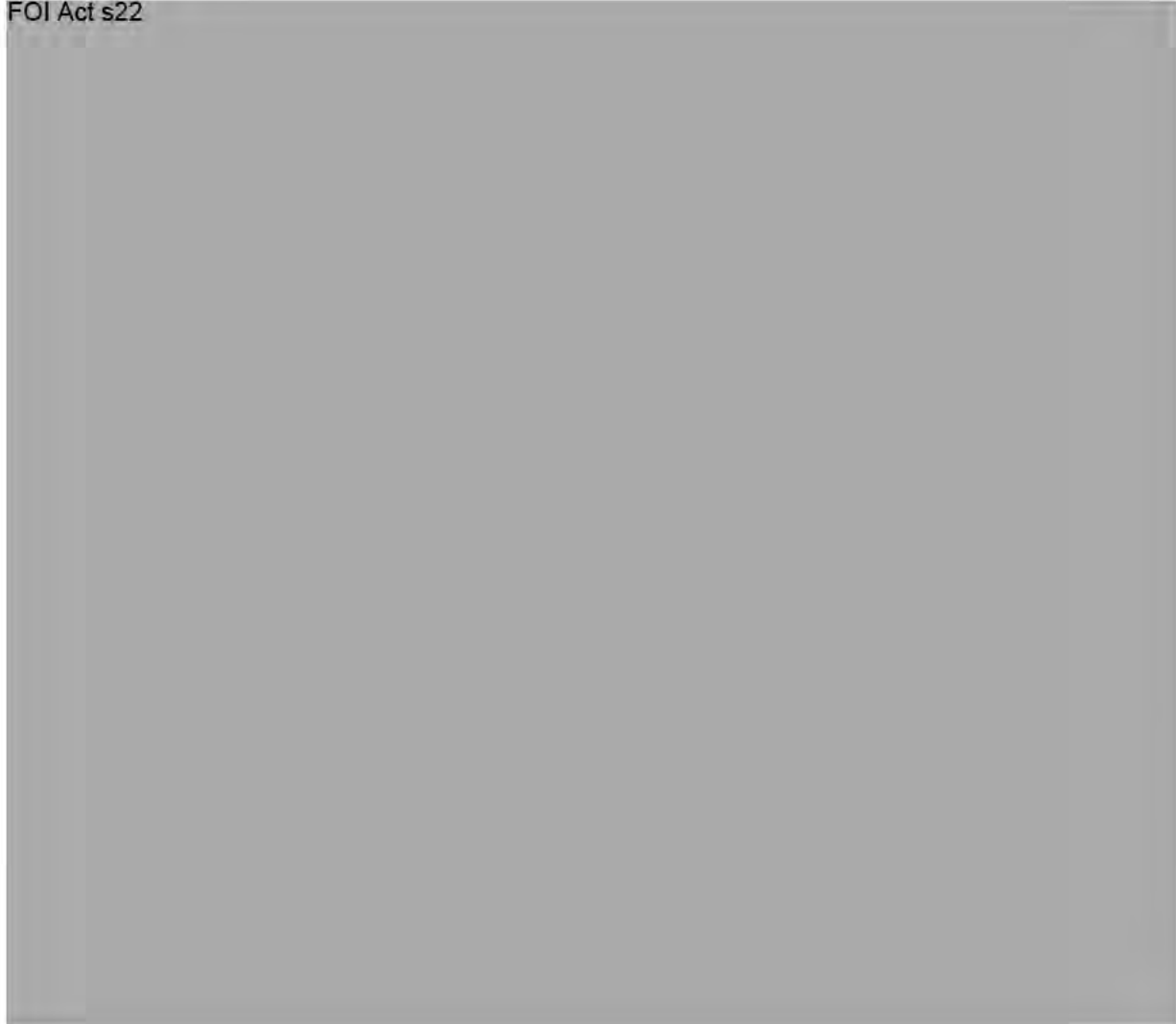


3. The ABAAC reviewed 56 proposals submitted under the ABA Homelands Project. The Committee has recommended all proposals to you as the delegate (Attachment C).

FOI Act s22



FOI Act s22




7. It is PM&C's view the processes used to assess the applications have satisfied your obligations as the Delegate under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* and the Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines (CGRGs) (Attachment G refers). Decisions you make are reviewable under the *Administrative Decisions (Judicial Review) Act 1972*.

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8. Under subsection 64(4) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act (Northern Territory) 1976* (Land Rights Act), you are the decision maker to approve grant funding from the ABA. If you indicate your approval, PM&C will enter into negotiations with applicants around funding conditions.
9. The proposals recommended by ABAAC are grants as defined by the CGRGs because they will assist the applicants to benefit Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians living in the Northern Territory, which aligns with the objectives of the ABA.
10. In considering the applications, you are required to take into account the balance of the ABA. As at 28 February 2019, the available ABA balance, net of commitments both current and forward years, was approximately \$1002 million.
11. You have broadened your delegation of decision making powers to PM&C Senior Executive Service employees with responsibilities for ABA matters or located in the Northern Territory (*Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) (Minister) Delegation 2018* executed 14 January 2019). Once PM&C has negotiated conditions with relevant organisations, the Departmental delegate will take into review the merits of the proposal, the organisation's risk rating, and the parameters of the project when considering making a direction to debit under section 64(4) of the Land Rights Act.

FOI Act s22



s11C

First Assistant Secretary
Network Division

Policy Officer: s11C

Phone no:

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Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) Homelands Project
ABA Advisory Committee Recommendations

Homeland and Land Council	Activity Details	Key Budget Items	Funding Requested	Departmental Recommendation	ABAAC Comments and Conditions	ABAAC Recommendation	ABAAC Recommended Funding	Minister's Decision	Minister's Comments
Cannon Hill - NLC ID 304	Activity 1 of 1 Title: ABAHP-32 - Upgrade Power Supply Activity Description: Purchase and install a new hybrid genset system to provide adequate power supply to the homeland. System includes panels and battery storage. Reticulation works also to occur.	New hybrid generator, panels and bank to power FOI Act Reticulation homeland generated power (generator/solar) per 100m for FOI	FOI	The application is supported. Activity will provide more secure and lower carbon output energy supply to the Indigenous homelanders.		Recommended	FOI	Approved Not Approved Further Information	
FOI Act s22								Approved Not Approved Further Information	
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Kapalga - NLC ID 980	Activity 1 of 1 Title: ABAHP-28 - Upgrade Power Supply Activity Description: Purchase and install a new hybrid genset system to provide adequate power supply to the homeland. System includes panels and battery storage.	New hybrid generator, panels and bank to power FOI Act	FOI	The application is supported. Activity will provide more secure and lower carbon output energy supply to the Indigenous homelanders.		Recommended	FOI	Approved	
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Mudginberri - NLC ID 380	Activity 1 of 1 Title: ABAHP-14 - Upgrade Water Supply Activity Description: Connect water to the Jabiru Township mains water supply for adequate, safe and reliable water to the homeland.	Provider supplied cost estimate for activity - FOI	FOI	The application is supported. A long over due resolution to providing a secure potable water supply of sufficient supply volume to the homeland.	Before Department approaches provider to deliver the works, Land Council is to consult with National Park and Power and Water Corporation to clarify and resolve any issues of delivery	Recommended	FOI	Approved Not Approved Further Information	
FOI Act s22								Approved Not Approved Further Information	
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FOI Act s22

From: s11C
Sent: Tuesday, 18 June 2019 5:36 PM
To: s11C
Subject: RE: Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Sure s11C tried to ring you yesterday. Give me a ring in the Morning

s11C

From: s11C FOI Act s22
Date: 18 June 2019 at 4:36:48 pm ACST
To: s11C FOI Act s22
Subject: RE: s11C [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hi s11C
Are you ok for a chat about this tomorrow?

From: s11C FOI Act s22
Sent: Wednesday, 12 June 2019 4:03 PM
To: s11C FOI Act s22
Subject: Re: s11C [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hi s11C
Over in Nhulunbuy for training is it okay to chat tomorrow.

From: s11C FOI Act s22
Date: 12 June 2019 at 2:33:02 pm ACST
To: s11C FOI Act s22
Subject: s11C [SEC=UNOFFICIAL]

Hi s11C,
One of the approved Homelands Project proposals is an upgrade of the water supply at Mudginberri; up to FOI Act has been approved for this.
As you know, we normally approach the NTG municipal and essential services providers to determine their interest/capacity to deliver Homelands Project works. In this case the provider is s11C. But s11C

s11C. There is no GARP for this organisation and it doesn't seem to have expertise in delivering water infrastructure, at least from what I can gather.

Do you have any background information that I might be able to use in assessing this.

Thanks for your help.

s11C
s11C Adviser

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From: s11C
Sent: Monday, 2 September 2019 11:32 AM
To: FOI Act s47F
Subject: RE: Mudginberri water [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Thanks FOI Act s47F. Have spoken with FOI Act s47F and briefed him on the situation.

To give you a heads-up, On 27 August I held a teleconference with FOI Act s47F of s11C. They provided an assurance that s11C has the capacity to manage delivery of the Mudginberri water line. I am in the process of preparing a scope of work which I aim to send to s11C today or tomorrow. I will provide s11C with a timeframe of a month to submit their application.

s11C

From: FOI Act s47F
Sent: Monday, 2 September 2019 9:54 AM
To: s11C FOI Act s22
Subject: FW: Mudginberri water

See query below about Mudginberri

FOI Act s47F

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Website: www.nlc.org.au

From: FOI Act s47F
Sent: Monday, 2 September 2019 9:54 AM
To: FOI Act s47F
Subject: RE: Mudginberri water

I have no idea but will pass on the concerns to the ABA Homelands Team (s11C) who are in charge of finding a service provider.

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From: FOI Act s47F
Sent: Monday, 2 September 2019 8:47 AM

To: FOI Act s47F

Subject: Mudginberri water

Good Morning FOI Act

We were alerted to water stress issues at Mudginberri over the weekend.

s11C are the current service provider contracted through the NTG's Homelands Program and have responded by supplying a range of potable water options to ensure people are not at risk at Mudginberri.

I've been made aware that a project to supply water from Jabiru township to Mudginberri has been successful through the ABA.

Are you across the water issues at Mudginberri and would you have any indication of potential timeframe for the ABA project to commence?

Many thanks for any info FOI Act and let me know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards

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From: s11C
Sent: Tuesday, 3 September 2019 3:20 PM
To: FOI Act s47F
Subject: ABA Homelands Project - invitation to submit application to deliver works [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: Scope of Work - s11C .pdf; 01. Application Form V2.pdf; 02. Attachment A - Project Plan Template.docx

Dear FOI Act ,

Further to my conversation with FOI Act s47F last Tuesday, I am emailing an invitation to submit an application to deliver works in Mudginberri, Kapalga and Cannon Hill outstations.

The Scope of Work is attached to this email. This is to guide the preparation of your application.

Please submit an application to deliver works in this homeland by the end of **September 2019**.

Completing and Submitting your Application

Two forms must be completed for your application. The first is the 01 Application Form smartform (attached). This is to be completed in full. Note that although the closing date on the template is shown as February 2020, this has been brought forward to ensure commencement of work this dry season.

The application also needs to include a project plan in the form of a completed 02 Attachment A Project Plan template (attached). This should be attached to the 01 Application Form. Do this by going to Part 10 (Supporting Documentation) in the Application Form and under dot point 28 clicking on the Yes button. A drop down menu will appear with an option to attach another document – attach your completed 02 Attachment A Project Plan.

When you have completed these steps you are ready to submit your application. Go to the last page of the Application Form and submit by clicking on the Submit Application button. You will receive an automatic receipt via email.

If you find you cannot submit your application using the smartform, please email to ABAHomelands@official.niaa.gov.au and we will forward to our grants area.

Further information on the ABA Homelands Project and a download of the Project Guidelines can be found here: <https://www.niaa.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/land-and-housing/aba-homelands-project>

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

s11C

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ABA HOMELANDS PROJECT - SCOPE OF WORKS

1. Funding has been approved under the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) Homelands Project to deliver works in selected homelands/outstations. This Scope of Works provides information to assist providers (Applicants) to prepare applications for funding to deliver the approved works.
2. Applicants are strongly advised to visit homelands to assess the required works and prepare costings. Onsite visits will greatly strengthen an Applicant's claims of capability and capacity to deliver works.
3. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that staff and sub-contractors are suitably qualified and have the required licensing and experience to prepare information for applications.
4. Applicants shall be responsible for ensuring that staff and sub-contractors attending site to gather information for an application have completed an Occupational Health and Safety induction, are knowledgeable of specific homeland conditions and are covered by appropriate insurance.
5. Applicants are responsible for organising access to homelands, including obtaining permission from residents; obtaining entry permits (if required) and abiding by cultural protocols and legal obligations.
6. Some works scoping may require consultation with the Power and Water Corporation, land councils, the Northern Territory Government and other external stakeholders. The Applicant is responsible for initiating these discussions in preparing their applications.
7. When preparing applications, Applicants must ensure that proposed works meet requirements of construction in the Northern Territory Government's Tier 2 building control areas (unless the location falls under Tier 1 of the building control area).
8. Applications for funding must be completed using the ABA Homelands Project Application Form and the Project Plan Template.
9. Details of the application and assessment processes are contained in the ABA Homelands Project Guidelines.
10. Funding applications are sole-sourced. The National Indigenous Australians Agency (the Agency) reserves the right to negotiate with an Applicant or reject an application.
11. The Agency may seek independent advice on applications from an external cost estimator, the Northern Territory Government or other organisations as appropriate. Information in an application will be treated as commercial-in-confidence.
12. Good local Indigenous employment outcomes are expected in the delivery of works.
13. Applicants are responsible for obtaining any necessary sacred or heritage site clearances before scoping or delivery of the works.
14. There must be a formal handover of infrastructure to homeland residents, including instruction on any machinery operation. Residents must be informed that as owners they are responsible for care and basic maintenance of the items/equipment and assets.

ABA HOMELANDS PROJECT - SCOPE OF WORKS

Homeland Name and ID: Kapalga (980)		
Activity No	Description of Activity	Required Works
1	Upgrade existing solar power system	<p>The community's power supply comes from a Bushlight system installed in 2008. The system includes a Selectronic inverter, 60 Sonnenschein batteries, 80 BP Solar PV panels, a Magellan PV control, and an Isuzu generator. The system is maintained under the Australian Government's Outback Power programme. Recent maintenance checks indicate the system is at the end of its useful life. The generator, which should only be a back-up to the solar, is supplying power for eight hours each day.</p> <p>A replacement solar hybrid system is required owing to the age of the existing system and an increase in the community population and power requirements. The power system supplying the community needs to be upgraded with potentially replacement of solar (PV) panels, inverter, batteries, back-up generator and associated equipment.</p> <p>The existing generator shed may be suitable to house a new generator and batteries. Other power infrastructure may be able to be utilised for new PV panels, etc.</p> <p>An assessment is required of community power requirements, reticulation connections and other power supply considerations before the commencement of work.</p> <p>s11C [REDACTED] maintains the current system for the Outback Power programme. It is essential to liaise with s11C [REDACTED] to obtain an assessment of the current system and options for replacing components. Installation of new components may result in the system no longer continuing to be maintained under the Outback Power programme.</p>

ABA HOMELANDS PROJECT - SCOPE OF WORKS

Homeland Name and ID: Mudginberri (380)		
Activity No	Description of Activity	Required Works
1	Upgrade water supply	<p>The source of the community's potable water is two bores that have flow rates of 0.75 litres per second and 0.9 litre per second respectively. This fails to meet community need.</p> <p>Over the years a number of test bores have been drilled around the community, with many failing and others providing low yield. The community is 12 km from Jabiru via the Arnhem Highway road corridor, making drawing on the Jabiru township supply a potentially feasible option. The project is to scope and provide connection with the main supply that provides water for Jabiru township.</p> <p>The project will need to consider the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consulting with the Jabiru township water provider to ascertain options for supplying Mudginberri from the existing water main • Consulting with Parks Australia over the proposed water line and potential mitigation of environmental and other impacts • Preparing a scoping study on technical requirements for installation of a water line, including pumping stations, reticulation to houses and other considerations <p>Costs associated with stakeholder consultation and technical scoping will need to be factored into the overall project.</p> <p>Options for providing a reliable source of potable water for Mudginberri residents will be considered.</p>

ABA HOMELANDS PROJECT - SCOPE OF WORKS

Homeland Name and ID: Cannon Hill (304)		
Activity No	Description of Activity	Required Works
1	Solar hybrid system	<p>The community currently relies on a diesel generator for its power requirements. This is expensive to operate and generally negatively impacts life in the community.</p> <p>The project is for the purchase and installation of a new solar hybrid system to replace the existing generator. The system will consist of photovoltaic (PV) panels; inverter and associated equipment; battery bank; and a back-up diesel generator. PV panels are to be sited to minimise shading from foliage and structures. System components must be properly grounded.</p> <p>The generator and battery bank may be able to be installed into the container housing the existing old generator. The new generator will be integrated with the PV system and a control system installed to allow monitoring and control of generator run times, fuel levels and power output.</p> <p>The works scope includes connecting the hybrid system with community housing to provide reliable power to critical appliances, including stoves, refrigerators, freezers and ceiling fans. Approximately 300m of reticulation works to connect the system to houses is estimated to be needed. The installation of rooftop solar to supply residents with hot water is an optional component of the works, depending on whether houses are currently adequately provisioned.</p> <p>It is essential early in the project to engage an accredited solar energy technician with experience designing and installing solar power systems in remote Northern Territory communities. The technician is to complete a comprehensive analysis of existing power infrastructure and community power requirements. The analysis must factor in periods of temporary population increase and projected increase in the permanent population. The technician is required to provide fully costed design specifications to meet community power requirements.</p> <p>Consultation with Northern Territory Government Homelands Services should be undertaken when developing technical specifications for the hybrid system to ensure adequacy and compatibility with other infrastructure.</p>

Mudginberri Water Outage

Key Points

- On 23 October 2019 ABC News ran print and television reports of a water outage in Mudginberri homeland, 15km from the township of Jabiru in the NT (refer Attachment).
- Mudginberri has been approved under the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) Homelands Project for a recommended funding amount up to FOI Act s47C to connect the homeland with the Jabiru township water supply.
- s11C has agreed to submit an application to scope and deliver the water project. s11C has yet to submit an application.
- The NT monsoon season normally begins in December. Any construction work to connect Mudginberri to the Jabiru township supply is unlikely to begin before April 2020.

Background

- During the consultation stage of the ABA Homelands Project a priority for a secure water supply for Mudginberri was identified from Northern Land Council consultations with the homeland residents.
- On 4 April 2019, upon recommendation from the ABA Advisory Committee, the former Minister for Indigenous Affairs approved connecting Mudginberri with the Jabiru township mains water supply (MS19-001180). ABA Homelands Project funding up to \$FOI Act s47C was recommended for this project.
- The ABA Homelands Project uses a direct approach to invite local Indigenous organisations to apply to deliver pre-approved works. Organisations are usually municipal and essential services providers for the homelands, although on occasion alternative Indigenous providers are approached.
- On 27 August 2019, officers from the NIAA teleconferenced with FOI Act s47F s11C from s11C to ascertain the organisation's interest in submitting an application to deliver the Mudginberri water project. s11C is not the service provider for Mudginberri s11C

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FOI Act s47F indicated §11C interest in submitting an application.

- NIAA emailed §11C an application form, project plan template and scope of work on 3 September 2019. A follow-up email was sent on 5 September.
- FOI Act s47F phoned NIAA on 8 October 2019 to discuss the proposed Mudginberri work scope and details of the application process.
- Applications to deliver works under the ABA Homelands Project are formally assessed by the NIAA. The relevant Regional Manager is then briefed with a recommendation on entering into funding agreement negotiations with the applicant. Finalised agreements are executed for funding release by the appropriate delegate upon the conclusion of the negotiations.

FOI Act s22

From: FOI Act s47F
Sent: Wednesday, 22 January 2020 1:20 PM
To: s11C
Subject: FW: Homelands Grant Application Form
Attachments: 01. Application Form V3 DOS CM.pdf; 02. Attachment A - Project Plan Template - Mudginberri Water and Kapalga and Cannon Hill Solar Designs.docx

Hi s11C

I hope this finds you well.

I just wanted to follow up on the progress of the ABA grant application; is there any further information you require?

Kind regards,

FOI Act s47F

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From: FOI Act s47F
Sent: Thursday, 5 December 2019 12:01 PM
To: s11C FOI Act s22
Subject: Homelands Grant Application Form

Hello,

Please see attached completed application form.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Kind regards,

FOI Act s47F

s11C

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From: s11C
Sent: Monday, 3 February 2020 1:40 PM
To: s11C - (PMC)
Cc: s11C
Subject: Mudginberri water supply [SEC=OFFICIAL]

Hi s11C

Further to our discussion, the Minister last year approved a proposal submitted by the Northern Land Council (after consultation with the residents of the outstation) to upgrade the Mudginberri water supply. The proposal is to connect the outstation with the water main that supplies Jabiru township. Funding is to be provided under the ABA Homelands Project.

NIAA approached s11C to deliver the water upgrade project and s11C submitted an application to the NIAA's Assessment Management Office on 6 December 2019. After a quality assurance check, AMO forwarded the application to an assessor in the NIAA regional network on 21 January 2020.

s11C aims to undertake the water upgrade project in two stages, with two separate applications:

- Application 1 (current application) – technical scoping of the work to determine the best solution to the water issue and arrive at accurate costings
- Application 2 (forthcoming) – delivery of a pipeline, details to be informed by the outcome of the scoping stage

For your information and information for DLO and anyone else, I have pasted below a chart that summarises the three stages of the ABA Homelands Project.

Stage 1: land councils consult with homelands (outstations) and prepare works proposals for submission to NIAA.

Stage 2: NIAA checks to ensure proposals fall within project guidelines, presents proposals to the ABA Advisory Committee and briefs the Minister on the Committee's recommendations (for his decision).

Stage 3: NIAA approaches a local services provider to submit an application to deliver approved works. Applications are assessed by the regional network and decisions on entering into funding negotiation with the provider are made.

We are at Stage 3 for the s11C application for works in Mudginberri.

Regards,
s11C

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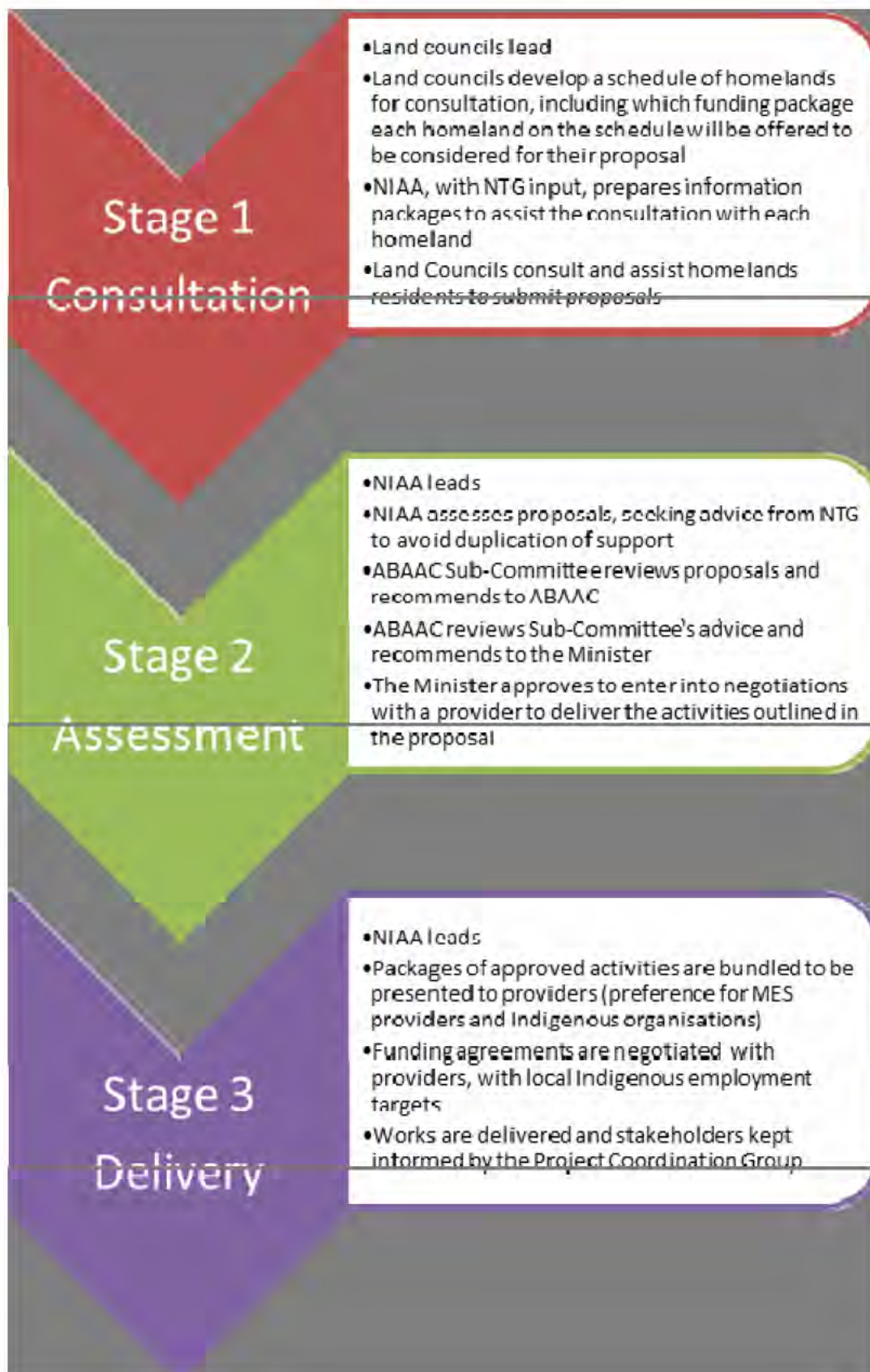
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NATIONAL INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS AGENCY

To: Arnhem Land and Groote Eylandt Regional Manager for decision by 6 March 2020

ABA HOMELANDS PROJECT FUNDING RECOMMENDATION: s11C
 – WORKS FOR MUDGINBERRI, CANNON HILL
 AND KAPALGA

Recommendations - that you:

1. Agree, as decision maker, you are aware of your obligations under relevant legislation and are satisfied any agreed expenditure is a proper use of relevant money.

Agreed / Not Agreed

2. Agree you have no conflict of interest relating to this proposal OR Agree you have declared an interest in this proposal, in accordance with relevant laws and policies, and details of the declaration including management strategy are summarised in the comments box below.

Agreed / Not Agreed

3. Agree to the negotiation of funding conditions with s11C for its Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) Homelands Project application for up to FOI Act (GST exclusive) to undertake scoping for the upgrade of the water supply to Mudginberri homeland (Attachment B refers).

Agreed / Not Agreed

4. Agree to the negotiation of funding conditions with s11C for its ABA Homelands Project application for up to FOI Act (GST exclusive) to undertake scoping for new solar power installations in Kapalga and Cannon Hill homelands (Attachment B refers).

Agreed / Not Agreed

FOI Act s47F

s11C

Date: 5 March 2020

Key Points:

1. This brief seeks approval to negotiate with s11C funding conditions under the ABA Homelands Project for scoping the delivery of essential services infrastructure in the homelands of Mudginberri, Kapalga and Cannon Hill.
2. The former Minister for Indigenous Affairs agreed to the delivery of activities in the homelands, with the ABA Advisory Committee (ABAAC) recommending funding of up to FOI Act (ex GST) to deliver works in Mudginberri; FOI Act (ex GST) for works in Kapalga; and FOI Act (ex GST) for works in Cannon Hill (Attachment A refers). The funding recommended by the ABAAC is based on an extrapolation of broad estimates provided by a cost estimator for generic categories of works in a homeland in the same general region as these three.

3. The funding amount of FOI Act sought by s11C is only for scoping infrastructure works in the homelands. A separate funding application will be submitted for delivery of the infrastructure.
4. s11C
While s11C is not the municipal and essential services provider for Mudginberri, Kapalga or Cannon Hill, s11C
5. The applicant is seeking funding for the following:
 - a. Mudginberri: the preparation of detailed designs, costings, construction drawings and tender package for a project to connect the homeland with the water main that supplies Jabiru. This includes consulting with the Jabiru water provider, Parks Australia and other stakeholders to establish options and address requirements for a new water connection. s11C is applying for FOI Act (ex GST) for this activity.
 - b. Kapalga and Cannon Hill: the preparation of detailed designs, costings, construction drawings and tender packages for the installation of solar hybrid power systems in these two homelands. This includes a survey of current power demands and usage to establish concept designs. s11C is applying for FOI Act (ex GST) for this activity.
6. The application was assessed against the assessment criteria under the ABA Homelands Grant Guidelines of Capability, Capacity and Value for Money (copy of Guidelines at: <https://www.niaa.gov.au/resource-centre/indigenous-affairs/aboriginals-benefit-account-homelands-project-guidelines>).
7. The assessor found the application *exceeds expectations* against the Capability criterion and *satisfactory* against Capacity and Value for Money criteria. The overall rating is 14 out of a possible 21, which equates to *supported but needs work* (Attachment B refers).
8. The Organisation Risk Profile (ORP) for s11C is Moderate. The indicative Activity Risk Assessment (ARA) rating for the proposed Mudginberri activity is Medium and Low for proposed activities in Kapalga and Cannon Hill. This may change upon the conclusion of negotiations. I am satisfied any risk can be managed through effective contract management.
9. Scoping and design for solar hybrid power systems in Kapalga and Cannon Hill must include a requirement to meet Australian standards, including but not limited to AS/NZ3000, AS/NZ5033, AS/NZS 4509.1&2, AS/NZS 4086.1&2, AS3011.2, AS2676.2.
10. The design of solar hybrid power systems for Kapalga and Cannon Hill must include consideration of the following:
 - a. The solar hybrid system must be fit-for-purpose for the community.
 - b. The solar hybrid system is to be designed to provide power only to houses and related domestic structures.
 - c. Unless a comprehensive demand analysis demonstrates greater need, a draw of 7.5kW is to be allowed for each house.
 - d. Technical requirements:
 - i. Solar (photovoltaic) array made up of modules wired and mounted together on array frames.

- ii. Charge regulator to control the amount of charge delivered for solar panels to batteries to prevent overcharging.
- iii. Batteries installed in a shed or adapted shipping container with ventilation to remove hydrogen gas.
- iv. Inverter to convert the 120 volt DC from the batteries into 240 volt AC power for use by standard appliances.
- v. Generator installed in weatherproof shelter/shed and to be used with the solar power system for powering generator-only loads, and when solar panels are unable to provide sufficient power due to unfavourable weather conditions.
- vi. Energy Management Unit (EMU) in each house programmed with an energy budget – divided into essential and discretionary power – that varies depending on the available solar resource and forecast load.
- vii. Energy Meters (EM) installed in sheds and shelters with programmed energy budget that can vary throughout the year depending on the available solar resource and forecast load.
- viii. Underground reticulation may need to be upgraded to connect each house to the solar hybrid system. All underground reticulation circuits require megger testing to confirm adequate insulation resistance according to AS 3000.
- ix. House switchboards will be replaced and house electrics checked. AC surge diverters are to be added to all switchboards. Retrofit lights in each house for LEDs and install hard-wired smoke alarms. Install a solar hot water system in each house, if required.
- x. House EMUs are to be configured to two circuits – essential and discretionary. Essential circuits provide power to lights, fans, one refrigerator, one freezer and a smoke alarm. Discretionary circuits power other electrical equipment/appliances, excluding air conditioners.
- xi. Air conditioners are to be supported by a dedicated circuit supplying power from the homeland generator. The generator will be automatically called upon when air conditioners are activated.
- xii. Generators operate more efficiently when they are loaded to at least 50% capacity. Underloading results in higher running and maintenance costs. Scoping will factor this into power requirements.
- xiii. Inverters must be set up to synchronise with generators and generator outputs appropriately adjusted.
- xiv. Generators require auto-start functionality by the inverter charger. Battery float chargers are to be installed to ensure generator batteries are not completely discharged.
- xv. Sonnenschein batteries, Selectronic inverters and Magellan charge regulators have proven reliability in solar power installations in Northern Territory homelands. These, or other high quality brands with proven evidence of longevity in similar harsh environmental conditions, must be selected for the solar hybrid system.
- xvi. All new electrical work requires electrical inspection and Certificate of Compliance.

11. General conditions to be considered for a funding agreement with a successful applicant:

- a. Staff and sub-contractors are qualified and have required licensing and experience.
- b. Staff and sub-contractors have completed a site-specific OHS induction and are covered by appropriate insurance.
- c. Required entry permits are obtained and cultural protocols followed.

- d. Where required, consultation is undertaken with the Power and Water Corporation, land council and Northern Territory Government.
 - e. Works meet requirements of construction in the Northern Territory Government's Tier 2 building control areas (unless the location falls under Tier 1 of the building control area).
 - f. Sacred or heritage site clearances are obtained before commencing works.
12. Sixty per cent of the overall activity cost is for "detailed design, procurement and installation costings, and tender package preparation". These cost components need to be unpacked in funding negotiations with the applicant. Only costs directly associated with the provision of technical design options can be funded.
13. I recommend negotiating funding up to the applicant's requested amount of FOI Act s47G (ex GST).
14. If approved for funding, NIAA will work with the provider to agree Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the grant that will be closely monitored. This includes mandatory performance measures relating to core service provision and Indigenous employment, and additional measures specific to the activity.
15. A set of risk-based grant controls will also apply to the grant to support effective implementation and monitoring:
- a. Low ARA rating: The core controls for a Low risk activity generally include annual payments tied to an acceptable annual performance report, and an annual provider financial declaration.
 - b. Medium ARA rating: The core controls for a Medium risk activity include bi-annual payments tied to acceptable bi-annual performance reports, an annual site visit, and an annual non-audited grant expenditure report.
 - c. High ARA rating: The core controls for a High risk activity include bi-annual payments tied to acceptable bi-annual performance reports, bi-annual site visits, a project budget incorporated into the funding agreement, and an annual audited grant expenditure report.
 - d. Extreme ARA rating: The core controls for an Extreme risk activity include quarterly payments tied to acceptable bi-annual performance reports and bi-annual site visits, a project budget incorporated into the funding agreement, and an annual audited grant expenditure report.
16. In executing a commitment to fund, consideration should be given to the decision making authority for ABA on grants (MS19-001576 refers) – up to \$10 million with an ARA of up to High to CEO and DCEO; up to \$1 million with an ARA of up to Medium to SES Band 2 and up to \$.075 million with an ARA up to Medium to SES Band 1.
17. Under the Project Plan for the ABA Homelands Project approved by the Regional Network National Director in July 2017, as a Regional Manager in the Northern Territory you are authorised to approve operational matters, including entering into negotiations for funding conditions.
18. The legislative authority for this spending is section 64(4) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*. Further information, including Decision Makers' obligations under relevant legislation can be found at Attachment C.

19. The proposal is a grant as defined by the Commonwealth Grant Rules and Guidelines (CGRGs) because it will assist the organisation to make infrastructure improvements to the homeland, which aligns with the Government objective of improving living conditions and enhancing business and other opportunities in homelands.
20. There are no media opportunities regarding this funding decision.

s11C

Senior Adviser / ABA Projects Section
Central Group / Regional Network
26 February 2020

Policy Officer: s11C

Phone no: FOI Act s22

Consultation: Grants Policy, IAS Risk

ABA Homelands Project – Programme Owner Recommendation

Activity: s11C Homelands

Application ID	Provider Name	Organisation Risk	Location	Funding Applied for	Funding Recommended by ABAAC
s11C	s11C	Moderate	Mudginberri, Cannon Hill and Kapalga	FOI Act s47G	FOI Act s47C
Application Description:					
<p>Establish detailed designs and costings, construction drawings and tender packages for the upgrading of the water supply to Mudginberri, and power supplies to Cannon Hill and Kapalga Outstations;</p> <p>FOI Act s47G</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p> <p>[Redacted]</p>					
Assessor Comments Against Criteria					
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Program Owner Overall Note:

FOI Act s47C

Programme Owner's Recommendation:	
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Recommended	Negotiate the funding activity up to FOI Act s47G
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	s11C, Senior Adviser, ABA Projects Section, Central Group	Date:	26 February 2020
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From: s11C
Sent: Thursday, 12 March 2020 4:13 PM
To: FOI Act s47F
Subject: ABA Homelands Project application [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Attachments: OutcomeLetter_s11C_s11C.pdf

Dear FOI Act s47F

Please refer the attached letter for the outcome of an application submitted by s11C under the ABA Homelands Project.

Officials from the NIAA will be in contact to commence negotiations over a funding agreement.

Regards

s11C

Aboriginals Benefit Account Projects | Delivery Support Branch | Regional Network Division
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The National Indigenous Australians Agency acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to their elders both past and present.



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FOI Act s47F
s11C

Application Id: FOI Act
Provider reference number: FOI

Dear FOI Act

Outcome of the Department Approaches Organisation (Direct Source) process

On behalf of the Australian Government and the National Indigenous Australians Agency (the Agency), I would like to thank s11C for applying for Aboriginals Benefit Account Homelands Project funding under subsection 64(4) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*.

I am pleased to advise that your application has been assessed and the Agency will contact you shortly to negotiate the terms of the grant funding. Please note that this is an in-principle agreement only.

Once grant funding negotiations have concluded, a delegate may consider entering into a Funding Agreement. The funding may vary from the amount requested in your application, or the Agency may negotiate a change in scope to the proposed activity.

Should you require further information regarding your application or the funding negotiation process, please email ABAHomelands@official.niaa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

s11C
Adviser, ABA Projects

National Indigenous Australians Agency

12 March 2020

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