#### 1. Title

1.1. Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment: Investing in Aboriginal Selfdetermination to Close the Gap in the Northern Territory.

#### 2. Parties

- 2.1. This Partnership Agreement is between Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory (APO NT), the Australian Government and Northern Territory Government (NT Government) (referred to collectively as 'the Partners').
- 2.2. APO NT is represented by members selected through its own governance arrangements. These members are authorised to make decisions on behalf of APO NT.
- 2.3. The NT Government is represented by the Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet. The decision maker will be the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs.
- 2.4. The Australian Government is represented by the National Indigenous Australians Agency and the Department of Health and Aged Care. The Minister for Indigenous Australians will be the decision maker for the Australian Government.

#### 3. Preamble

- 3.1. The Partners acknowledge and respect the inherent rights, strength, knowledge, expertise and achievements of Aboriginal people of the Northern Territory (NT), particularly in maintaining their distinctive cultural, spiritual, physical and economic relationship with their land and waters.
- 3.2. Despite efforts by governments and Aboriginal people over decades, the gap in life outcomes between Aboriginal people and other Australians continues to be the widest in the NT. Over three quarters of the NT's Aboriginal population live in either remote or very remote areas. Their ability to access services which meet their diverse needs, and are culturally responsive, requires significant additional investment across regional and remote NT.
- 3.3. The National Agreement on Closing the Gap (the National Agreement) provides the overarching framework for addressing these challenges. With its principal objective to overcome the inequality experienced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the National Agreement was signed in 2020 by all Australian Governments, the Australian Local Government Association and the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community-Controlled Peak Organisations (Coalition of Peaks). It commits to a fundamentally new way of developing and implementing policies and programs that positively impact on the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

- 3.4. All Partners are committed to this better way of working which is premised on the four Priority Reforms: Formal Partnerships and Shared Decision Making; Building the Aboriginal Community Controlled Sector; Transforming Government Organisations and Shared Access to Data and Information at a Regional Level.
- 3.5. Commencing prior to the National Agreement, the Australian Government has, through a series of agreements with the NT Government, provided supplementary financial support to deliver critical services to Aboriginal people living in remote communities across the NT. The most recent iterations of this support are a series of Federation Funding Agreement Schedules, collectively referred to as the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment (NTRAI).
- 3.6. In 2022, the Australian Government also committed to working in partnership with APO NT and the NT Government on longer-term options for future investment for Aboriginal people living in remote communities in the NT (including homelands and outstations), that give effect to the Closing the Gap Priority Reforms.
- 3.7. Subsequently, the Partners have agreed to this Partnership Agreement as per the term set out at clause 7.1, to set out the enduring shared decision-making arrangements to guide future NTRAI investment and ensure alignment to Closing the Gap Priority Reforms is maximised in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of NTRAI funded services.

#### 4. Commitment to investment

4.1. The Australian Government has committed \$842.6 million over six years to strengthen the delivery of critical services for Aboriginal people in remote NT communities under NTRAI investment. The Australian Government is committed to delivering this investment in alignment with this agreement and the National Agreement.

# 5. Objectives of the agreement

- 5.1. The overarching objective of this agreement is to enable substantive and enduring opportunities for self-determination for remote Aboriginal communities to close the gap in life outcomes between those communities and other Australians. This includes contributing to measurable progress towards the socio-economic targets under the National Agreement.
- 5.2. Additional objectives of this agreement, aligned to the overarching objective, are grouped under the four Priority Reforms of the National Agreement.

#### **Objectives under Priority Reform One**

- 5.3. Provide a flexible partnership framework for joint design; planning; decision making; implementation; monitoring and evaluation; reporting and accountability of the remote service system; consistent with the strong partnership elements described in the National Agreement.
- 5.4. Align and strengthen the governance of the Australian Government's NTRAI investment in remote services within the NT's Closing the Gap governance framework.
- 5.5. Meet the contemporary needs expressed by communities.

#### **Objectives under Priority Reform Two**

- 5.6. Support Aboriginal communities' capacity and capability, primarily through their representative organisations and the Aboriginal Community Controlled sector.
- 5.7. Build the capacity and capability of Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO) in remote communities to deliver high quality services.
- 5.8. Result in tangible action and local jobs in remote communities to maximise Aboriginal employment, in line with the Aboriginal employment targets established in all funding agreements supporting this agreement.

#### **Objectives under Priority Reform Three**

- 5.9. With regard to the design, delivery and evaluation of services funded by the Australian and NT governments supported by this agreement:
  - 5.9.1. Improve the standard of remote services, including the design, management and delivery of high-quality, culturally responsive services.
  - 5.9.2. Ensure Aboriginal people living in remote communities have equitable access to mainstream services in a way that is relevant to their context.
  - 5.9.3. Identify and eliminate racism in mainstream organisations and institutions delivering services to remote communities.
  - 5.9.4. Embed and practice meaningful cultural safety in government organisations delivering services to remote NT communities.
  - 5.9.5. Where applicable, deliver mainstream services for remote communities in partnership with remote communities and their organisations.

#### **Objectives under Priority Reform Four**

5.10. To provide Aboriginal communities, primarily through their representative organisations and the ACCO sector, with access to the data and information they need

- to make decisions, subject to meeting privacy requirements, and ensuring data security and integrity.
- 5.11. Support Aboriginal communities, primarily through their representative organisations and the ACCO sector, to build capability and expertise in collecting, using and interpreting data to support self-determination.
- 5.12. Work towards Aboriginal data sovereignty within the scope of this agreement.

## 6. Scope

- 6.1. This agreement gives effect to Priority Reform One of the National Agreement, particularly formal partnerships and shared decision making. The commitments made under Priority Reform One including the strong partnership elements will be adhered to in implementing this agreement.
- 6.2. This agreement is limited to NTRAI investment. It does not intend to take precedence over other current or future partnership arrangements with APO NT or its members that involve investments from the Australian and NT Governments. It is agreed that this agreement will support and complement those partnerships.

# 7. Term of the agreement

- 7.1. This agreement will take effect once signed by the Partners and will expire on 30 June 2031.
- 7.2. The Partners agree that long term, sustained partnership effort is needed to support Aboriginal self-determination in the NT.

## 8. Governance

- 8.1. This agreement will govern the delivery of NTRAI investment over the life of the agreement.
- 8.2. The NTRAI Joint Steering Committee (JSC) provides the governance for this agreement.
  - 8.2.1. Governance arrangements are intended to complement and strengthen the governance framework for implementing the National Agreement in the NT, including the Northern Territory Executive Council on Aboriginal Affairs (NTECAA) and policy partnership forums.
- 8.3. The Australian Government Minister for Indigenous Australians and Minister for Health and Aged Care, and the NT Government Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and their agencies, will be responsible for implementing this agreement in accordance with their respective Administrative Arrangements Orders and relevant legislation.

8.4. This responsibility will apply to other Australian and NT Government Ministers should they become signatories to additional Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) Schedules supported by this agreement.

#### **NTRAI Joint Steering Committee**

- 8.5. This agreement will be governed by the NTRAI Joint Steering Committee (NTRAI JSC) with a membership comprised of representatives of the parties to this agreement at the officials level.
- 8.6. The NTRAI JSC will be responsible for collective oversight of NTRAI investment, including monitoring and evaluating the progress and outcomes achieved through that investment, and reporting on these to the NTECCA and responsible Ministers.
- 8.7. The NTRAI JSC may also recommend to responsible Ministers adjustments to NTRAI investment priorities, including program funding, design and delivery arrangements based on emerging evidence and changing community needs.
- 8.8. The NTRAI JSC will invite the Australian Government Minister for Indigenous Australians and the NT Government Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs to attend an NTRAI JSC meeting every six months. These meetings will enhance accountability and rigour in relation to implementation of the agreement by enabling:
  - 8.8.1. The NTRAI JSC to provide briefing to Ministers on implementation progress and achievement of outcomes.
  - 8.8.2. Ministers to provide updates to the NTRAI JSC on related policy matters.
  - 8.8.3. Shared decision-making with respect to the implementation of this agreement and delivery of the associated NTRAI investment.
- 8.9. The NTRAI JSC will develop its own Terms of Reference (ToR) and those of any working groups it establishes. All ToRs will be consistent with this agreement and enable decision-making by consensus.
- 8.10. The NTRAI JSC will meet as required and biannually at a minimum.
- 8.11. A communique, as agreed by the NTRAI JSC members, will be published publicly following each meeting of the NTRAI JSC.
- 8.12. At least half of the members of the NTRAI JSC will be representatives of APO NT. The balance of members will be senior public servants from the Australian Government and NT Government.

#### **Closing the Gap Policy Partnerships**

- 8.13. The NTRAI JSC may delegate oversight of progress and outcomes of NTRAI investment, including related responsibilities within the bounds of its authority, to relevant policy partnerships within the NT's Closing the Gap governance framework.
- 8.14. Policy partnerships must formally agree to any delegated responsibilities from the NTRAI JSC.
- 8.15. Policy partnerships that have a delegated responsibility will meet at least quarterly and will report to the NTRAI JSC as required, and bi-annually at a minimum.

#### Place based and regional engagement

- 8.16. The NTRAI JSC and policy partnerships with delegated oversight of one or more NTRAI investment priorities will also facilitate place based and regional engagement with communities to ensure full involvement of Aboriginal people, communities and their organisations in shared decision-making, as part of this agreement.
  - 8.16.1. This may include establishing formal links with existing or new local decision-making bodies.
- 8.17. The Partners agree that implementation of place-based community development and jobs and training investment priorities (refer clause 20.1.1) will be designed in partnership by the NTRAI JSC by June 2025.
- 8.18. This design work will inform the relevant FFA Schedules and will include:
  - a. High level design of the approach and costing and funding allocations.
  - b. Development of relevant documentation including criteria for selection of locations and development of a monitoring and evaluation criteria.
  - c. Selection of initial locations for the approach.

# 9. Implementing Closing the Gap

- 9.1. This agreement will seek to improve life outcomes for Aboriginal people in remote NT through providing better service delivery and access to support the National Agreement's priority reforms and socio-economic outcome areas.
- 9.2. The Partners are committed to progressing all outcomes of the National Agreement. The proposed outcomes listed below do not express all of the work by any of the Partners towards these outcomes. Critical services and programs for the other outcome areas will be addressed through other initiatives.
- 9.3. This agreement proposes prioritising the following National Agreement outcome areas for NTRAI investment:

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#### 9.4. Priority Reform outcomes:

Priority Reform One - Formal partnership and shared decision-making

Priority Reform Two - Building the Aboriginal Community-Controlled Sector

Priority Reform Three - Transforming Government Organisations

Priority Reform Four - Shared access to data and Information at a regional level

#### 9.5. Socio-economic outcomes:

Outcome 1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people enjoy long and healthy lives

Outcome 3. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are engaged in high quality, culturally appropriate early childhood education in their early years

Outcome 4. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children thrive in their early years

Outcome 5. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students achieve their full learning potential

Outcome 7. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth are engaged in employment or education

Outcome 8. Strong economic participation and development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities

Outcome 10. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are not overrepresented in the criminal justice system

Outcome 11. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people are not overrepresented in the criminal justice system

Outcome 12. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children are not overrepresented in the child protection system

Outcome 13. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families and households are safe

Outcome 14. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people enjoy high levels of social and emotional wellbeing

Outcome 16. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and languages are strong, supported and flourishing

Outcome 17. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have access to information and services enabling participation in informed decision-making regarding their own lives

# 10. Funding architecture

- 10.1. It is intended this agreement will serve as an overarching agreement for NTRAI investment, supported by:
  - 10.1.1. FFA Schedules between the Australian Government and the NT Government to support service delivery that sits under an appropriate sectorial FFA.
  - 10.1.2. Funding agreements between the Australian Government and the Aboriginal Community Controlled sector, including for sector strengthening and capacity building.
  - 10.1.3. Funding agreements between the Australian Government and the non-government schooling sector.
  - 10.1.4. Other funding contributions over time, including from non-government sources.
- 10.2. NTRAI investment encompasses all of the Australian Government's funding under the NTRAI Measure as published in the Federal Budget 2025-26. Over time, the Australian Government may consolidate other related investments in the NT supported by this agreement, subject to the agreement of all Parties.
- 10.3. The NTRAI investment priorities will inform the design and delivery of programs and services that align with the needs of communities, which will be reflected in the FFA Schedules and grant agreements supported by this agreement.
- 10.4. The terms to be reflected in the FFA Schedules and variations will be jointly developed and agreed, in consultation with APO NT, by the Australian and NT Governments.
  - 10.4.1. The Partners may also consult the NT's Policy Partnerships in the development of FFA Schedules and variations.
- 10.5. FFA Schedules will be consistent with this agreement and align with the NTRAI investment priorities that are co-developed and agreed by the Parties as part of this agreement over the term of the agreement.
- 10.6. FFA Schedule terms will encompass opportunities to prioritise the delivery of programs and services by ACCOs wherever possible.
- 10.7. FFA terms will align with the Federation Funding Agreement Principles and provide certainty of funding flows and appropriate budget autonomy and flexibility for the NT Government.

# 11. Aboriginal led monitoring, review and evaluation

11.1. The Partners are committed to public monitoring, reviews and evaluations of the outcomes achieved under this agreement, informed by appropriate and quality evidence with a defined baseline aligned with the National Agreement.

#### 11.2. The Partners agree to:

- 11.2.1. Conducting a mid-point review of NTRAI investment, informed by evaluation data.
- 11.2.2. Any monitoring, review or evaluation activities will draw on the findings of the NTRAI End of Term Review (2022).
- 11.2.3. Consider the findings of reviews and evaluations relating to this agreement and respond to associated recommendations.
- 11.2.4. Working collaboratively to develop and agree a monitoring and evaluation framework by 30 June 2025 to support the monitoring and oversight of progress and outcomes of the NTRAI investment.
- 11.2.5. Partners will jointly develop and agree the terms of a scoping study on independent accountability and learning by 1 July 2025. Following the scoping study, the Partners will agree how independent accountability and learning will be taken forward over the life of this agreement.

#### 12. Transition

- 12.1. This agreement will support arrangements for the staged transition of government programs and services to community control, including:
  - 12.1.1. Building capacity in Aboriginal organisations such that they have the data and information to determine how and when they may wish to transition elements of current services to community control.
  - 12.1.2. Developing program/service specific plans to support the transition of services to community control.
  - 12.1.3. Ensuring the transition of services to community control avoids any disruption of service delivery to Aboriginal communities.
  - 12.1.4. Partnering with Aboriginal communities to assist in the transition to community control, where desired by communities, over six years.

#### 13. Service assurance

- 13.1. NTRAI funding and service delivery arrangements will set out clear responsibilities and established accountabilities, including appropriate financial and service delivery risk management.
- 13.2. These terms will be set out in the relevant FFA Schedules between the Australian Government and the NT Government, grant funding agreements between the NT Government and ACCOs, and the Australian Government and ACCOs as appropriate; and in program/service transition plans developed and agreed between the parties.

## 14. Data and information sharing

- 14.1. The Partners recognise the importance of NT wide, and location specific data and information, for the successful implementation of Priority Reform four and agree to work collaboratively to embed Priority Reform four into the delivery of NTRAI investment priorities over the life of the agreement. This includes:
  - 14.1.1. Collecting, handling and reporting of disaggregated data to the NTRAI JSC in an accessible and timely way to inform shared decision-making.
  - 14.1.2. Provision of data to all parties at the same time with sufficient time to support decision-making of the NTRAI JSC.
  - 14.1.3. Agreeing to and implementing tangible actions to provide Aboriginal communities and organisations with access to the data and information they need to make decisions, subject to meeting privacy requirements, and ensuring data security and integrity.
  - 14.1.4. Agreeing to and implementing tangible actions that support Aboriginal communities and organisations to build capability and expertise in collecting, using and interpreting data to support self-determination.
  - 14.1.5. Supporting joint agreement, development and sharing of data and information that supports all parties to make informed decisions.
- 14.2. Specific data collection and reporting requirements will be set out in funding architecture and aligned with the Priority Reforms for the benefit of Aboriginal communities and to inform the implementation of this agreement.
- 14.3. The Australian and NT Governments commit to maximising transparency in relation to broader funding commitments and budget allocations for remote service delivery in the NT.

# 15. Engaging with Aboriginal communities

- 15.1. Partners commit to ensuring that Aboriginal people across the NT can have a genuine say in the design and delivery of NTRAI, particularly place-based programs and services.
- 15.2. Partners acknowledge the role of APO NT in bringing the perspectives of Aboriginal communities into the development of this agreement, including through community consultations.
- 15.3. Community engagements, led by APO NT in partnership with governments, will be undertaken in relation to implementation of this agreement. An engagement framework will be co-designed and agreed between the Partners for how the engagements will be undertaken. This will include:
  - 15.3.1. Building understanding and ownership of this agreement.
  - 15.3.2. Reporting on the progress and outcomes of this agreement.
  - 15.3.3. If a future partnership agreement is proposed beyond the timeframe of this agreement, further community engagement will be undertaken.
- 15.4. The cost of APO NT undertaking and participating in the engagements in relation to this agreement will be consistent with 2024-25 funding arrangements. Government partners will meet their own costs.

# 16. Supporting the participation of APO NT

16.1. The Partners agree APO NT will be provided with adequate and ongoing financial support to enable them to engage and negotiate as equal partners during the term of this agreement.

#### 17. Amendment

- 17.1. This agreement may be varied in writing by agreement signed by all the parties.
- 17.2. The NTRAI JSC will notify relevant stakeholders of a significant amendment made to the agreement under clause 17.1.

# 18. Implementation

18.1. The NTRAI JSC will maintain oversight of the implementation of this agreement; and of the implementation elements of FFA Schedules and funding agreements, the monitoring and evaluation framework, and other program documentation.

# 19. Principles for investment

- 19.1. The primary principle for NTRAI investment is that it aligns with the National Agreement. NTRAI investment across all priority outcomes in this agreement will seek to recognise, support and empower Aboriginal peoples' right to self-determination by supporting the implementation of the four Priority Reforms.
- 19.2. To ensure a balanced mix of investment toward the objectives of this agreement, funding agreements developed under this agreement will give consideration to the primary principle, along with a range of additional principles, grouped around four pillars: place-based; transition to community control; building local workforce, and capital investment.

#### Place-based

- 19.3. Driving reforms to enable local Aboriginal people and communities to establish formal partnership arrangements with services that cannot be transferred to Aboriginal Community-Control.
- 19.4. That Aboriginal people's cultures, beliefs, languages and governance will be placed at the centre of how services are designed, implemented and delivered.
- 19.5. Supplementing but not substituting funding for the NT Government to provide critical services to remote communities recognising the complexity of need and the unique barriers to equality experienced by Aboriginal people living in the NT.
- 19.6. Directing support through investment based on evidence, including from the lived experience of Aboriginal people that demonstrates where continued or more investment is needed to improve life outcomes.

#### Transition to community control

- 19.7. Supporting the delivery of services by the Aboriginal Community-Controlled sector that better meet the diverse needs of remote communities.
- 19.8. Taking a sustainable, phased and community supported approach to the transition of services to the Aboriginal community-controlled sector.

#### **Building local workforce**

19.9. Prioritising employment, training and business opportunities for Aboriginal people.

#### **Capital Investment**

19.10. Supporting investment in community infrastructure projects that contribute to achieving the objectives outlined in this agreement

# 20. Investment priorities

- 20.1. The NTRAI investment priorities to be addressed under this agreement are:
  - 20.1.1. Place based community development including:
  - Remote safe spaces and support for children and families
  - Community development capability and jobs and training services
  - Mediation and peacemaking including support to law and justice groups.
  - 20.1.2. Territory wide remote services including:
  - Hearing and oral health
  - Alcohol harm reduction
  - Remote policing
  - Aboriginal interpreter services
  - Aboriginal teacher training, student engagement and support including nongovernment schools.
  - 20.1.3. Aboriginal sector strengthening including First Nations participation and sector strengthening grants.
  - 20.1.4. Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning.
- 20.2. The Partners recognise that NTRAI investment priorities may change over time in response to emerging evidence and changing needs. All changes will be agreed by the Partners.

#### 21. Review

- 21.1. The NTRAI JSC will commission an independent review and evaluation:
  - 21.1.1. On the third anniversary of the commencement of this agreement an independent review will be conducted to assess the progress towards its stated aims and objectives.
  - 21.1.2. Before the final year of this agreement, an independent evaluation will be finalised to assess the degree to which it has achieved its aims and objectives to date.
- 21.2. The findings and recommendations of the reviews conducted under this section will be provided to the NTRAI JSC for endorsement and considered for publication.

#### 22. Termination

- 22.1. A party may elect to terminate their participation in this agreement before the end of the term at clause 7.1, in writing, to the NTRAI JSC following best endeavours to first resolve any matters with other parties.
- 22.2. Following receipt of written request to terminate per clause 22.1, the NTRAI JSC may elect, by agreement, to terminate or amend the term of the agreement.
- 22.3. If the NTRAI JSC decides to terminate or amend the term of the agreement in accordance with clause 22.1 or 22.2, it will report to relevant stakeholders on the outcome.
- 22.4. Termination or amendment to the term of this agreement does not impact on the role, responsibilities, or participation of the parties in the NTRAI JSC.
- 22.5. If the related funding agreements described in this agreement are terminated in accordance with terms of that agreement, this agreement will cease to have effect to the extent it relates to the related funding agreement, from the date of its termination.
- 22.6. The parties acknowledge the enduring role of the NTRAI JSC. The role and responsibilities, membership, or administration of the NTRAI JSC, or the commitment of the parties to the National Agreement may continue despite termination of the funding agreements.

# 23. Delegations

- 23.1. The Australian Government Minister for Indigenous Affairs and NT Government Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs are responsible for the government activities supported by this agreement.
- 23.2. The Australian Government Minister for Indigenous Affairs and NT Government Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs may delegate administrative matters to senior officials represented on the NTRAI JSC where consistent with their respective Administrative Arrangements Orders and related legislative requirements.

# 24. Dispute resolution

- 24.1. Any partner may give written notice to the NTRAI JSC of a dispute under this agreement.
- 24.2. The NTRAI JSC will attempt to resolve any dispute in the first instance.

24.3. If a dispute cannot be resolved by the NTRAI JSC, the matter may be escalated by the NTRAI JSC to relevant Ministers and the APO NT Governing Group for consideration and response.

## 25. Status of the agreement

25.1. The Partners do not intend any of the provisions of this agreement to be legally enforceable. However, this does not lessen the Partners' commitment to this agreement. All Partners are committed to implementing this agreement to its fullest.

# 26. Publication of the agreement

- 26.1. To support the full involvement of Aboriginal people, organisations and communities, this agreement will be published on all Partners' websites and the Federal Financial Relations website. Any subsequent changes will also be published on the websites.
- 26.2. The Partners will develop plain English, accessible materials, and materials in identified Aboriginal languages that can be accessed by Aboriginal people across the NT.

## 27. Definitions

- 27.1. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations (ACCOs) Under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap, ACCOs deliver services, including land and resource management that build the strength and empowerment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and people and are:
  - 27.1.1. Incorporated under relevant legislation and not-for-profit
  - 27.1.2. Controlled and operated by Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
  - 27.1.3. Connected to the community, or communities, in which they deliver the services
  - 27.1.4. Governed by a majority Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander governing body.
- 27.2. **Mainstream organisations and institutions** Government agencies, institutions, organisations and services they fund that develop policies or deliver services that cater to all Australians, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- 27.3 The NTRAI JSC may agree further definitions through an addendum to this agreement.

# 28. Signatures

Signed for and on behalf of the Australian Government

The Honourable Anthony Albanese MP
Prime Minister
Date 7/3/2085

**Signed** for and on behalf of the Northern Territory by

The Honourab e Lia Finocchiaro MLA

Chief Minister
Date 72/2 / 25

Signed for and on behalf of Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory by

Dr John Paterson AP ONT Convenor

Date