

Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment Joint Steering Committee Communiqué

Wednesday 11 June 2025

The Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment (NTRAI) Joint Steering Committee (JSC) met on Wednesday 11 June 2025 in Darwin.

The JSC received an update on the process for developing new NTRAI Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) Schedules, which has included a series of stakeholder workshops to progress new place-based investments.

Members noted that negotiations have progressed slower than expected, in part due to efforts to embed the spirit of the NTRAI Partnership Agreement within the bilateral FFA Schedule format. The Commonwealth and Northern Territory Government expressed a commitment to ensuring that shared decision-making is supported in the Schedules, in line with the NTRAI Partnership Agreement.

The JSC noted the Schedules are likely to be signed after 1 July 2025, with all members committing to expedite works to ensure they are in place as soon as practicable.

The Northern Territory Government presented an updated proposal on the elements of the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Framework for NTRAI. Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory tabled a paper outlining key principles for consideration in the development of the MEAL Framework.

Members acknowledged the MEAL Framework, including NTRAI service user experience surveys, are new features of NTRAI investment. The JSC affirmed its commitment to ensuring the MEAL Framework supports transparency regarding the outcomes of investment.

The meeting closed following discussion of several administrative matters.

The JSC is due to meet again in late June 2025.

Attendees

Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory: Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory, Central Land Council and Northern Territory Indigenous Business Network.

Northern Territory Government: Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet, Department of Health.

Commonwealth: National Indigenous Australians Agency, Department of Health and Aged Care.