

Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment Joint Steering Committee Communiqué

22 January 2026

The Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment (NTRAI) Joint Steering Committee (JSC) met on Thursday, 22 January 2026, in Darwin.

The JSC welcomed the signing of new funding agreements to deliver NTRAI investment in remote Northern Territory communities over the next 6 years. New NTRAI funding agreements are now in place to support:

- Remote Policing
- Aboriginal Interpreter Services
- Early Learning and Access to Education
- Child and Family
- Alcohol Harm Reduction
- Non-government schools

The new NTRAI funding agreements with the Northern Territory Government are available on the Federal Financial Relations [website](#).

The JSC discussed progress on the development of additional funding agreements to deliver NTRAI investment in Oral and Hearing Health, Place-based Community Development, Aboriginal Law and Justice Groups, Peacemaking and Mediation, and Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning.

The JSC welcomed a proposal for the delivery of NTRAI investment in Aboriginal peacemaking and mediation activities prepared by the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency and agreed to consider the proposal further at a workshop.

The meeting concluded with members agreeing arrangements for monitoring performance reporting under the new NTRAI funding agreements, including a forward meeting schedule.

The NTRAI JSC will meet again in February 2026.

Attendees

Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory: North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency, Central Land Council, Tiwi Land Council, Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance Northern Territory.

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

Commonwealth: National Indigenous Australians Agency, Department of Health, Disability and Ageing