



Northern
Territory
Government

NORTHERN TERRITORY COORDINATOR GENERAL
FOR REMOTE SERVICES

A WORKING FUTURE

Territory Growth Towns

Overview

A Working Future

- 1. Territory Growth Towns**
- 2. Outstations / Homelands**
- 3. Remote Service Delivery Reforms**
- 4. Remote Transport Strategy**
- 5. Economic Development and Real Jobs**
- 6. Closing the Gap Reporting – Targets and Evaluation**

The Towns

National Agreement RSD Towns = 15

Angurugu

Galiwin'ku

Gapuwiyak

Gunbalanya

Hermannsburg

Lajamanu

Maningrida

Milingimbi

Nguiu

Ngukurr

Numbulwar

Umbakumba

Wadeye

Yirrkala

Yuendumu

NT addition = 6

Ali Curung

Borroloola

Daguragu/Kalkarindji

Elliott

Papunya

Ramingining

TOTAL = TWENTY GROWTH TOWNS

The Focus

- The Australian Government will focus on the 15 RSD towns in the first instance
- The Northern Territory Government will focus on the 15 RSD towns and the additional growth towns.

Both Governments are committed to working together and have significant coordination mechanisms in place.

The Oversight

Commonwealth Coordinator General

Mr Brian Gleeson

NT Coordinator General

Mr Bob Beadman

RSD Board of Management

Service Delivery Coordination Unit

Regional Operation Centre

Both governments are learning to work together and
with Local Government

What will the towns look like ?

- Services, buildings and facilities like any other town of comparable size and location
- Properly planned and designed
- Targeted new infrastructure
- Home ownership and private sector investment opportunities where assets will stand the mortgage test with banks.

Current Issues

Township Leasing (& Town Plans)

Outstations & Homelands

Economic Profiles

Jobs Economic Development

Remote Transport Strategy

Infrastructure

Private Sector Investment

Community Engagement

Township Leasing

Fundamental issue to securing the outcomes envisaged under both the Remote Service Delivery and *A Working Future*

- Security of tenure for investment
- Business opportunities for local people

Current responsibility is Executive Director of Township Leasing (Commonwealth)

Outstations and Homelands

ATSIC imposed a moratorium in 1996

No new outstations;

No new houses; and

Funding maintained at level

- The Commonwealth maintained this policy until transferring responsibility to the NT in 2008
- Current NT review is looking at how funds are allocated and which Outstations/Homelands are occupied for at least 8 months of the year.

Economic Profiles

Baseline mapping underway and industry opportunity study in each town proposed.

- Natural resources (location, minerals, oil & gas, timber, water, soil for agriculture and climate)
- Transport (post implementation of the transport strategy)
- Existing industry strength (if any) and historical industry participation
- Labour market capacity and forecasted growth
- Proximity and accessibility to market and other towns
- Barriers to industry
- Feasibility of industries
- Aspirations of town residents

Jobs and Economic Development

Education and Training

- An Education Masterplan

Economic Development

- Business Hubs and incubators
- Private housing markets
- Promotion of joint venture partnerships and micro financing

Jobs

- Identification of skill shortages
- Local Implementation Plan actions to all have job outcomes

Remote Transport Strategy

Hub and Spoke Model

Growth Towns servicing minor centres, outstations and homelands

Improving transport in remote areas is crucial to *A Working Future* success.

Better transport will increase economic opportunities for regions and enable people living in outstations and homelands to more easily access the range of services that people expect, and deserve, in the bush.

Infrastructure

- Aerodromes, barge landings and road improvements
- Power and Water upgrades
- New housing and renovations under SIHIP
- New and upgraded facilities for service providers (Health, Education, Police etc)

Private Sector Investment

- Opportunities to enter into service provision to ease load on Shires and NGOs
- Economic profiles to market business opportunities to the private sector
- Joint ventures
- Partnerships with local groups and individuals

Community Engagement

- Engagement means more than consultation; it means intellectual and physical engagement in a shared responsibility (not just observing)
- Identification of appropriate reference groups (Local Boards, elected members etc)
- At the local level by Government Business Managers, Indigenous Engagement Officers supported by Regional Operational Centres

What constitutes Success?

- Infrastructure, funding and service improvements are relatively easy – it just takes commitment and money.
- Real success will be measured by the embracement of opportunity and active participation by local people.

It will take time.

Savannah Symposium
& *A Working Future*
Sustainable Communities
Conservation Business
Ecotourism

The Symposium program clearly articulates with the aspirations of Remote Service Delivery and *A Working Future*

GOOD LUCK AND EVERY SUCCESS !

Questions

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