



A partnered approach to reform of our Town Camps

Yilli Housing



- Community & Affordable Housing
- We manage over **200 properties** →
Berrimah Estate, Bagot, Knuckey's Lagoon, PIV,
Amangal, Belyuen, Acacia, One Mile Dam, 5 Homelands
and 12 Affordable Housing properties.
- **85%** Aboriginal staff



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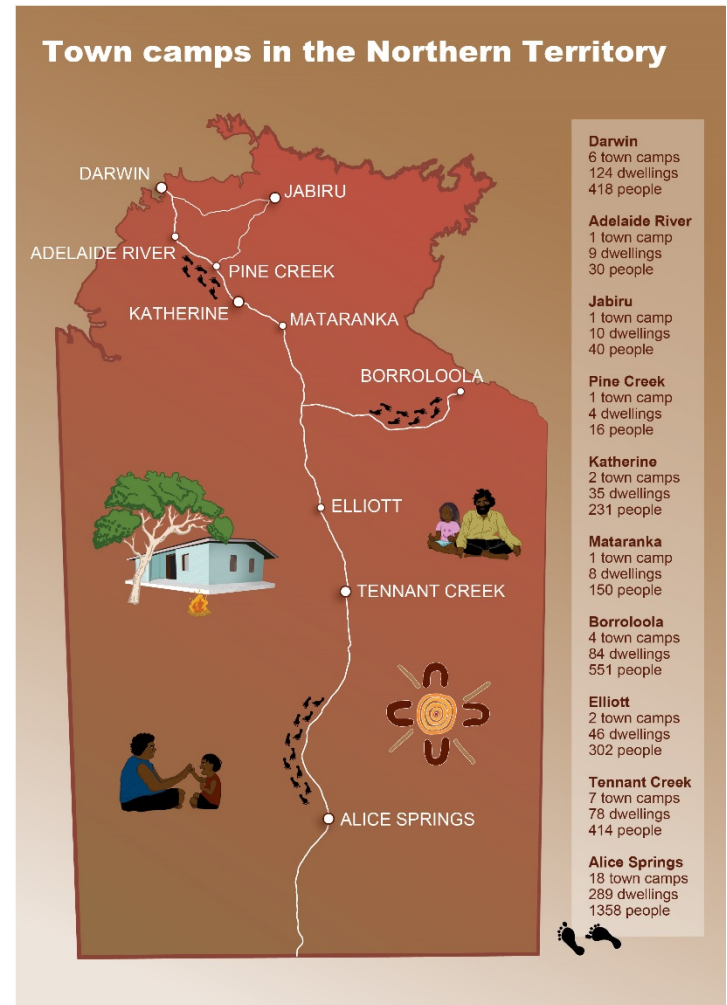


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Overview

- Town camps evolved as a result of discriminatory laws.
- Situated both in the heart of, and around, the fringes of many towns.
- By the 1970s there were 43 town camps and community living areas across the Northern Territory.
- They are located in Darwin, Palmerston, Adelaide River, Jabiru, Pine Creek, Katherine, Mataranka, Borroloola, Elliott, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs.
- Town campers view their land and housing as a common legacy to be handed to their children and grandchildren.



The reform

- NT Government responded to the 22 recommendations in the *Living on the Edge* independent review in April 2018.
- The Town Camps Futures Unit was established to develop a roadmap for the reform, oversee the housing and infrastructure program and make sure the reforms happen.
- The *Building our communities, together* Town Camps Reform Framework provides the roadmap for government and the community on what needs to happen across the town camps. These reforms must be done in partnership.
- Each town camp will have a 5-year investment plan which will outline the key program, housing and infrastructure funding.
- A community action plan will be developed for each town camp or region which will outline what will be done by residents, leaseholders, community housing and government to achieve continued improvements.

What have we done so far?

- Since 2018 until now \$40.44 M has been invested to address the most urgent housing and infrastructure upgrades across the town camps.
- Through this investment, roads have been upgraded, critical water infrastructure upgraded, community safety improved with new street lighting and fencing, and housing upgraded.
- These works have been delivered through Aboriginal controlled organisations, local sub-contractors and wherever possible, local suppliers. This ensures that the infrastructure investment supports local employment and economic development.



More than jobs in spend



- Using local trades and resources-deliver services and reinvest into the sector/community
- Lots of research and community consultations
- People working together towards a common goal
- Share our practice and learn from each other
- Great houses and community
- Report and evaluation after implementation
- Happy residents



- Fair
- Trust
- Inclusive
- Supportive
- Productive
- Having a voice
- Empowerment
- Increasing Yilli capacity
- Sense of achievement

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COLLABORATION

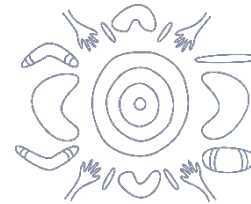
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- Dialogue, discussion
- Respectful language
- Positive talk
- Questioning ideas, priorities
- Time for listening
- Contribution from all members





Real partnerships are about power sharing between
 government – the sector – the community

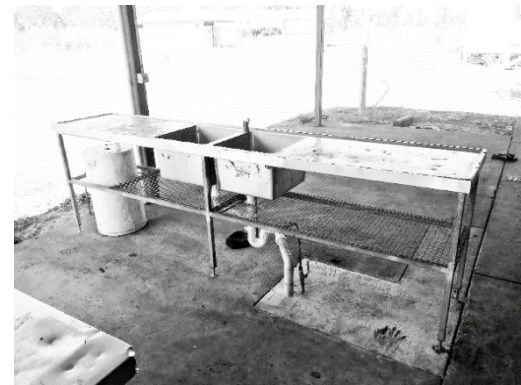


Bagot
 Palmerston Indigenous Village
 Knuckey's Lagoon
 One Mile Dam, etc.



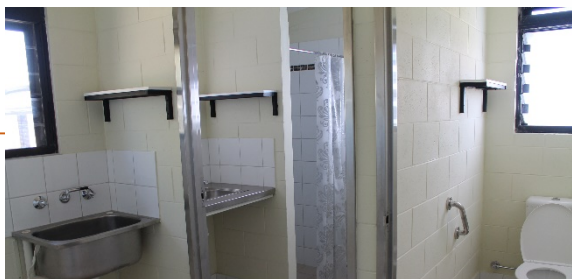


before





after



What did we learn?

- Partnerships between government and an Aboriginal controlled organisation must have a foundation of respect and be built on trust.
- Importance of getting the right teams in place.
- Mutual capacity building between sectors.
- We shared “power” through structured consultation, resident participation in community planning, facilitating informed decision making and flexibility of funding.
- Importance of locally informed program planning and implementation.

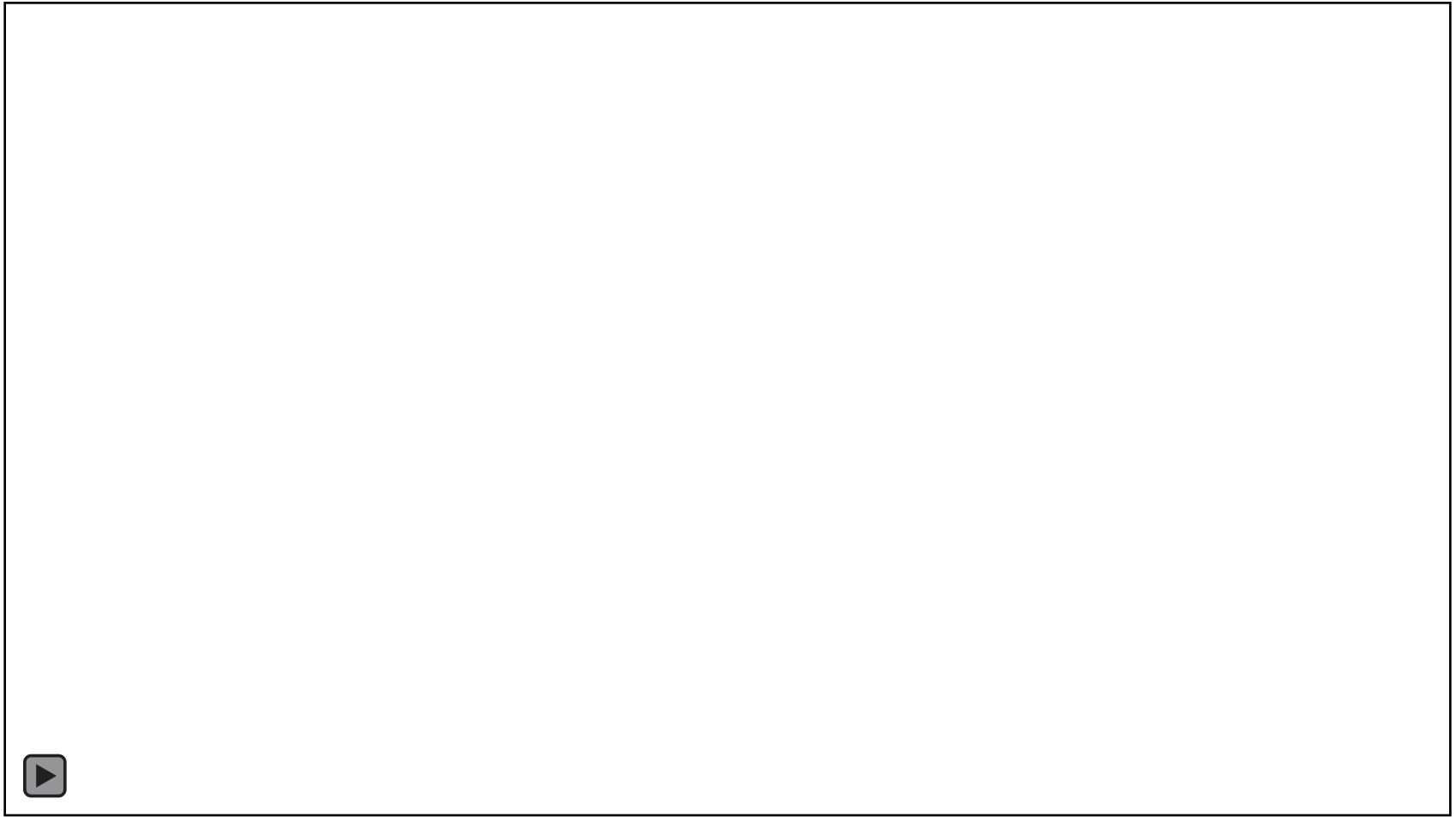




- It is critical to close the feedback loop when undertaking consultations with communities and residents.
- Unexpected discoveries:
 - The missing blueprints
 - Drilling under the highway
 - Tough conversations about the money story.



Building our communities, together



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