

ACT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AGREEMENT 2019-2028

Delivering equitable outcomes for
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples

PHASE TWO FOCUS AREA ACTION PLAN

July 2022 – December 2024

FOCUS AREA:

Housing

QUALITY LIFE OUTCOME:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have equitable access to affordable, secure, and appropriate housing suitable to their needs.

WE WILL ACHIEVE THIS OUTCOME BY FOCUSING ON:

- Supporting culturally appropriate public and community housing accommodation options and support programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.
- Improving access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples for housing support and assistance that meets individual and family needs.
- Creating more opportunity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to become homeowners.
- Enabling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and families to stay connected to their community.

CLOSING THE GAP TARGETS

- By 2031, increase the proportion of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in appropriately sized (not overcrowded) housing to achieve parity with non-Indigenous Australians.

ACT HEADLINE INDICATORS

- Increase in public housing households living in appropriately sized housing.



PHASE-BASED QUALITATIVE STATEMENTS

Closing off on Phase One implementation

While some key actions have been completed, work towards many of the Phase One actions in the Housing focus area are still in progress, and this work will continue to be advanced in parallel to implementation of the Phase Two Action Plan. In addition, some actions under Phase One represent commitments to ongoing work. Full detail on the status of the actions under Phase One is available on the Community Services Directorate website under the section on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Policy Development.

Successes of the Agreement that are evident at the end of Phase One include working closely with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to co-design the new long-term accommodation complex for older Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples; and supporting diversionary programs that assist with accommodation options for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

To be achieved in Phase Two implementation

By the end of Phase Two implementation:

- make tangible progress towards the establishment of a new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Controlled Housing Organisation and the development of a community participation approach.

PRIORITY ACTIONS

New Priority Actions for Phase Two Implementation



Action Number	Priority Actions
1	Establish a baseline and regular reporting against the <i>Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing Sector Strengthening Plan</i> .
2	Finalise the recruitment of two identified positions to facilitate the development of a community-controlled housing provider, in consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community.
3	Develop a culturally appropriate engagement approach with the community to enable cultural co-design service principles to be incorporated into housing policy.
4	Develop the ACT Disability Strategy, with a focus on housing for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with a disability.
5	Invest in cultural competency training to support the housing sector to respond to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's needs.
6	Build strong governance across the housing and homelessness sector, as well as improving the capacity and skill of board members and senior staff.
7	Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing providers with dedicated and skilled workers to drive success across the sector.
8	As part of the development of the ACT Disability Strategy, focus on strengthening the linkages between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander housing policy and disability housing policy. This should be considered key platforms for a refreshed ACT Housing Strategy.

STATUS BAR | 10-YEAR PLAN

The status bar provides an at-a-glance timing of Agreement phases highlighting the current Phase.

<p>Phase One Feb 2019 – Jun 2022 Status: Complete</p>	<p>Phase Two Jul 2022 – Dec 2024 Status: In progress</p>	<p>Phase Three Jan 2025 – Dec 2027 Status: Not started</p>	<p>Phase Four Jan 2028 – Dec 2028 Status: Not started</p>
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