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Our projects, our way.

**Strong and flexible governance arrangements for
community benefit programs from land use agreements**





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GMAAAC

The Aboriginal Corporation uses affected area monies to strengthen nine Aboriginal communities in the NT and WA.

Central Land Council's Community Development Unit

- facilitates informed decision making by Aboriginal groups in planning and funding projects.
- facilitates participatory processes and capacity development throughout planning and implementation.



CLCs CD Program

Goal

To support Aboriginal people to be strong/resilient and to live well in the Aboriginal world and mainstream Australian society.

Objectives

1. Maximise Aboriginal engagement, ownership and control.
2. Generate social, cultural and economic outcomes.
3. Build an evidence base for the CLC's CD approach.
4. Share lessons learned on innovations and CD best practice.

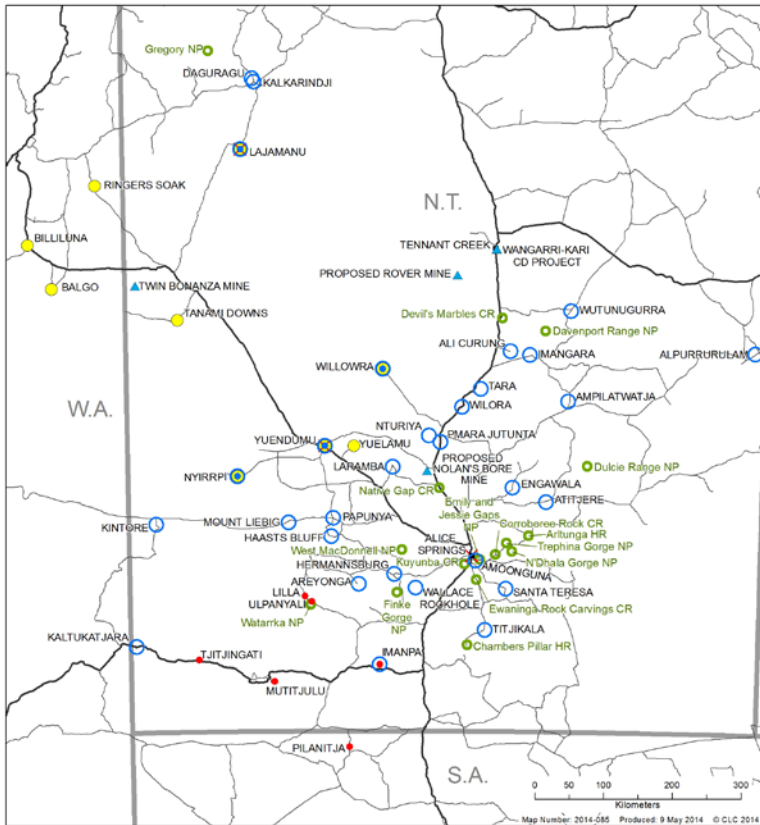


CLC Community Development Projects

- Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT)
- Uluru Kata-Tjuta National Park Rent Money Project
- Granites Mine Affected Area Aboriginal Corporation (GMAAAC) Project
- Tanami Dialysis Support Service Project
- Northern Territory Parks Rent Money Project
- Community Lease Money Project



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Locations of 2013 CLC Community Development Unit Projects

- Uluru Rent Money Community Development Project
- Warlpiri Education and Training Trust (WETT)
- × Tanami Dialysis Support Service Project
- Granites Mine Affected Area Community Development Project
- NT Parks Rent Money Community Development Project
- Community Lease Money Project
- ▲ New Community Development Project

33 communities in the CLC region, plus some in SA and WA.

Over 400 social/cultural/economic projects completed.

Since 2005 CLC constituents have spent **over \$25 million** of their land use agreement payments on community benefit projects.

CLC's constituents increasingly directing **their own money** to projects. \$33 million currently under CD Program administration.



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Community Benefit Projects





Aboriginal governance arrangements for community benefit programs from land use agreements

Critical success factors:

- Local decision making
- Flexibility for appropriate governance structures that
 - Are tailored to local context
 - Have legitimacy
 - Enable informed decision making
 - Are reviewed and adapted responsively



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Challenges of different governance and decision making models & working to address them





Challenges of different governance and decision making models





Challenges of different governance and decision making models





Monitoring and Evaluation

Objective 1: Maximise opportunities for Aboriginal engagement, ownership and control

- Increasing ownership and engagement by Aboriginal people in both the decision-making and control of projects.
- Aboriginal people's capacities and capabilities are being increased through the CD approach.
- A recent paper by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare and the Institute of Family Studies found the CLC's CD approach 'highly effective' in strengthening Aboriginal organisations to run their own affairs.



Quotations from community members in the annual monitoring reports illustrate the sense of ownership Aboriginal people feel:

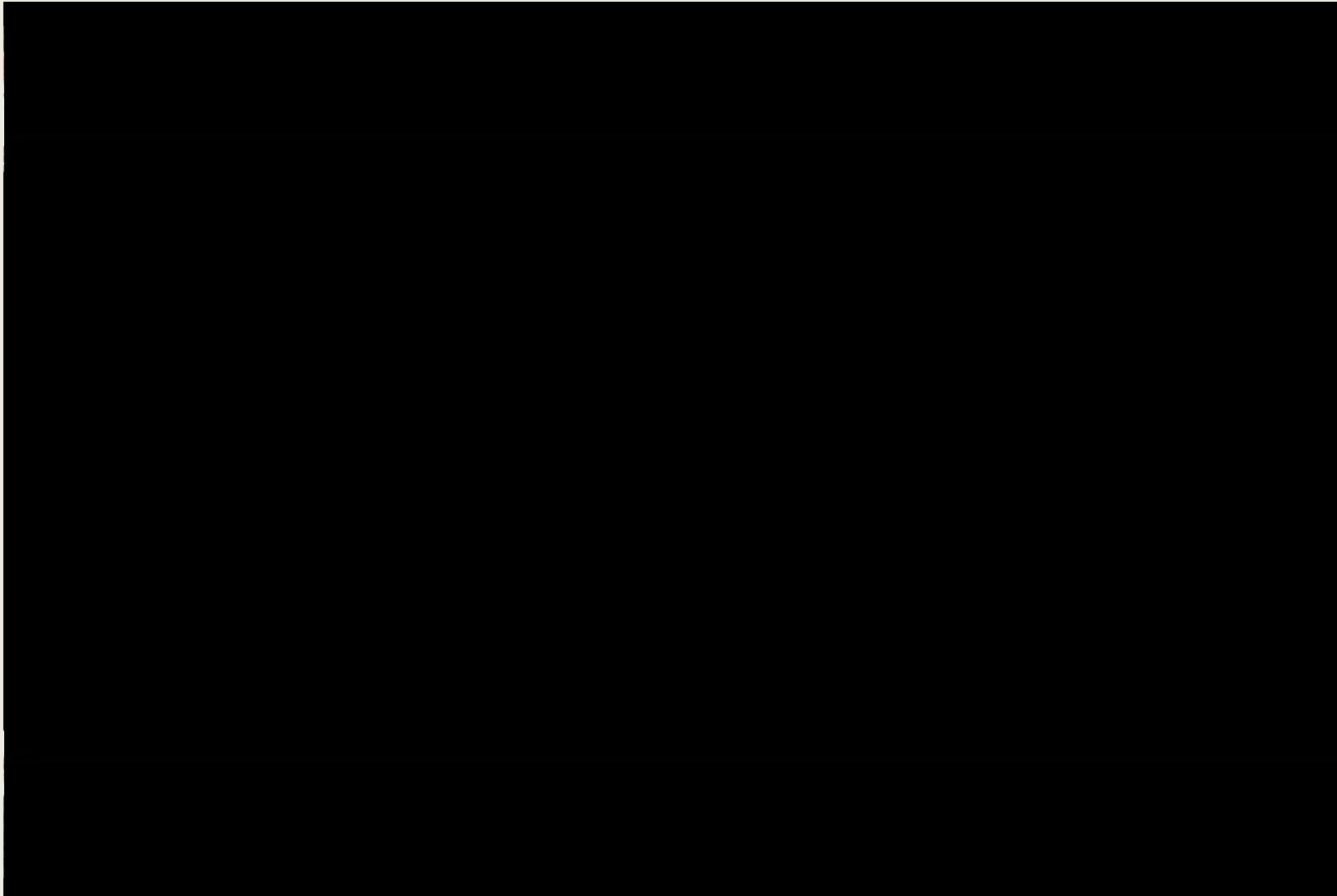
‘We get community members together – some people listen on the side... It’s our idea what we spend the money on. They (CLC) put on the board how much money and we talk about what we need.’

‘The committee talk together; then they [CLC] write it down or put it on display paper. Men talked about it separately and women talked about it separately and we all agreed with both. We made the decision ourselves; no one tell us what to do. We are happy with the meetings.’



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Questions?

