

Djalkiripuynu

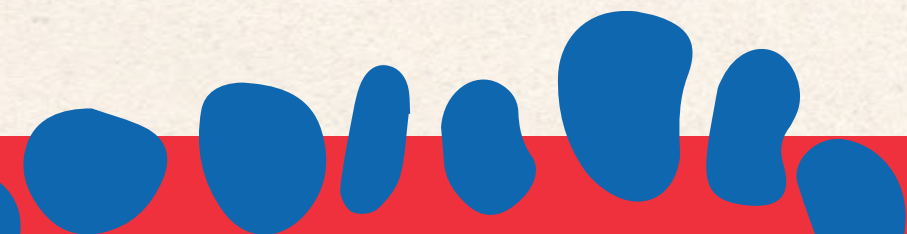
Local Decision Making Agreement

Executive Summary





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The Djalkiripuyngu Vision

It is the shared aspiration of the Djalkiripuyngu leaders, through the Djalkiripuyngu Aboriginal Corporation (DAC), and the Northern Territory Government (NTG) for this agreement to:

1. Support Djalkiripuyngu to maintain their sacred and intrinsic responsibilities, manage their homelands and seas, preserve traditions, and provide for changing.
2. Support the Djalkiripuyngu to live with dignity according to the laws of their homelands and in accordance with the laws of the Northern Territory and Commonwealth.
3. Promote and support the sustainable development of Djalkiripuyngu lands and seas to support local businesses, local jobs and improved economic and social outcomes.
4. Improve standards of living and services to ensure the Djalkiripuyngu share in the prosperity enjoyed by all Australians.
5. Support strong governance for all Djalkiripuyngu homelands to develop and prosper according to the views and needs of the Traditional Owners, residents and future generations.
6. Work closely with trust and respect alongside regional organisations as Partners and / or stakeholders to strengthen and support the advancement of all homelands.

The Journey So Far

For over 50,000 years, Yolŋu people of East Arnhem Land have successfully maintained their language, customs and laws, land and sea ownership and custodianship, culture, songlines and societies. The Djalkiripuyngu people of the northern Blue Mud Bay area have long maintained self-determination on their traditional lands and seas and in recent times together with other East Arnhem Bāparru (clan) leaders, led the homelands movement in the 1970s.

Djarlkiripuyngu custodians of Blue Mud Bay for over 50,000 years



On the 30th of July 2018, with the approval of the Chief Minister and Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Djalkiripuyngu leaders signed a Local Decision Making (LDM) Statement of Commitment with NTG to progress a range of priorities in the Blue Mud Bay area through negotiation on an LDM Agreement.

In early 2020, with the support of the Northern Land Council (NLC), the Djalkiripuyngu leaders created the Djalkiripuyngu Aboriginal Corporation with the aspiration to perform the functions of a Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC) under the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth) and to improve regional governance and economic development opportunities.

In the Blue Mud Bay region, LDM is being led and guided by Djalkiripuyngu leaders, supported by the DAC, NTG and LHAC. LDM is under-pinned by the principle of self-determination for Aboriginal communities and homelands and seeks to transition services and programs to community control and to advance local development aspirations where identified.

All parties work together based on the overarching LDM guiding principles:

- Self-determination;
- Flexible place-based approaches;
- Co-design; and
- Community control.





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Parties to this Agreement



The Parties to the whole Agreement are:

Djalkiripuyngu Bāparru (clan) leaders, as represented by the Djalkiripuyngu Aboriginal Corporation; and



The Northern Territory Government



The Foundation Partner to this Agreement is:

Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation (LHAC)

Future Partners:

Other government and regional organisations may join this Agreement or its subsequent Implementation Plans as a Partner by agreement of the Parties

Djalkiripuyngu Local Decision Making Agreement Commitments

The below summarises the important commitments, for further details refer to the full Djalkiripuyngu LDM Agreement.

1. Leadership capacity building and supporting DAC to be a part of the Agreement implementation

Outcome:

Strong Djalkiripuyngu leadership and governance in order to provide clear vision, guidance and direction for the Djalkiripuyngu homelands and Clans.

Key Commitments from NT Government

- Acknowledge and recognise that Djalkiripuyngu Bāpurru leaders will set direction for homelands as the local decision making body for the Djalkiripuyngu homelands and clans
- Support participation in Northern Territory First Circles and other leadership development programs.
- Commit staff and resources to progress the implementation of the agreement and outcomes
- Provide financial support annually for the first three years to support DAC in capacity building and engagement in the agreement's implementation.

Key Commitments from Djalkiripuyngu leaders and DAC

- Actively engage in decision making, vision and goal setting and agreement implementation.
- Attend LDM agreement, implementation plan and monitoring meetings at least twice per year.
- Maintain a strong relationship with agreement partners and support collaborative arrangements between the organisations to advance improved homelands outcomes.
- Support the continuity of leadership over time, by identifying and supporting young and emerging leaders (male and female) to be included in leadership development opportunities.

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2. Improving the sustainability and reliability of homelands infrastructure and essential services

Outcome:

Djalkiripuyngu homelands accessing safe, reliable, sustainable public facilities and transport corridors (road and land and sea) which support jobs growth, family wellbeing and food and essential goods security.

Key Commitments from NT Government

- Community wifi solution for Baniyala, Gangan and Wandawuy
- Flood immunity critical works for key homelands access roads.
- More reliable power and water to each of the larger homelands to support residents, existing businesses and services and new industry.
- A seed funding commitment of \$1.5 million over the next 3 years to support co-investment funding bids to various government and philanthropic programs for priority infrastructure per the agreed/settled Implementation Plans.

Key Commitments from Djalkiripuyngu leaders and DAC

- Pay for power and water per standard NT regulated rates and charges.
- Create jobs and employment on country through investment attraction and business development.

Key Commitments from Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation

- Participate and contribute to the development of implementation plans for all areas of the priority infrastructure service areas.
- Support/make applications to various government programs and seek support from the private and philanthropic sectors where possible.
- Work with DAC to ensure suitable ownership and management responsibility is in place for any agreed/funded community infrastructure.

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3. Housing co-investment linked to industry and jobs creation

Outcome:

Djalkiripuyngu contribute to, and live with dignity in their own homes, with well-designed and priced community and private sector houses in homelands

Key Commitments from NT Government

- NTG co-investment in lower cost and appropriate homelands housing so as to support employees and their families to return and or remain on country, including a co-contribution to upgrades on existing houses.

Key Commitments from Djalkiripuyngu leaders and DAC

- DAC co-investment in lower cost and appropriate homelands housing so as to support employees and their families to return and or remain on country, including a co-contribution to upgrades on existing houses.
- Manage the housing and associated maintenance via an agreed Aboriginal Corporation.
- Create jobs and employment on country through investment attraction and business development – 1 Job created = 1 house provided by Government

Key Commitments from Laynhapuy Homelands Aboriginal Corporation

- Support the development and implementation of the Housing Implementation Plan together with DAC and NTG.
- Consider contributions to new/upgraded housing subject to the settling of the Implementation Plan.
- Support the involvement of local businesses and employment in housing construction and management.

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4. Improved community safety and disaster resilience

Outcome:

Djalkiripuyngu homelands that have a strong, and lasting relationship with Police, recognition of the role of Clan Leaders in the law and justice system and improved resilience to natural disasters.

Key Commitments from NT Government

- Refresh and continue implementation of the current Police Service Level Agreement signed in 2019.
- Support a part or full time Aboriginal Liaison Officer/s based in Djalkiripuyngu homelands.
- support resilience of these homelands through the pre-positioning of NTES trailers and ensuring local people are trained in emergency response.

Key Commitments from Djalkiripuyngu leaders and DAC

- Participate in Djalkiripuyngu community safety committees and engagement with Police and the Courts.
- Identify and support volunteers for NTES unit/s.
- Identify person/s for Police Aboriginal Liaison Officer.

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5. Business, industry and jobs growth on country

Outcome:

Djalkiripuyngu have jobs, run businesses and create prosperity in homelands and live successfully and sustainably for generations to come through a mix of Traditional Owner, private sector and government investment.

Key Commitments from NT Government

- Play an active role in attracting private sector investment, jobs creation and industry development including through enabling infrastructure investment.
- Facilitate and support the development of a Local Economic Plan for the Djalkiripuyngu homelands.

Key Commitments from Djalkiripuyngu leaders and DAC

- Establish partnerships with business and investors, co-invest in new business.
- Provide job ready local employees, provide land and seas for investment and business opportunities.

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6. Country, culture and heritage protection initiatives

Outcome:

Recognition of the importance of country to Djalkiripuyngu through their deep spiritual connection, ongoing homelands residence and custodial responsibilities.

Key Commitments from NT Government

- Support the establishment of arts studios and 'places of production' for artists.
- Support development and implementation of an arts and cultural heritage management plan
- Support access to heritage grants and processes to continue support for learning on country.
- Recognize Djalkiripuyngu cultural heritage sites such as the "Yingapungapu Sea Rights Sand sculpture", the Gan Gan massacre site and any others as identified through NT Heritage Act processes.
- Assist DAC in the development of marine programs through education, supporting business, fisheries and tourism initiatives.

Key Commitments from Djalkiripuyngu leaders and DAC

- Protect and conserve key sacred sites and ensure future generations learn the song lines and patterns therein.
- Support artists in residence programs through new art production studios once established.
- Identify places for heritage recognition.

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7. Improving health and family wellbeing including coordinated services for families

Outcome:

Access to appropriate emergency, primary, allied and tertiary healthcare and services in homelands and supporting infrastructure with improved access to early childhood and family services to support young people growing up strong.

Key Commitments from NT Government

- Support the improvement of emergency medical retrieval services to the NE Arnhem homelands.
- a commitment to investigate, scope and establish a place based Djalkiripuyngu Child and Family Centre to ensure children and families of Djalkiripuyngu homelands have quality and culturally responsive access to programs that strengthen health, wellbeing, early learning and care.

Key Commitments from Djalkiripuyngu leaders and DAC

- Focus on community education and healthy living practices promoted amongst Yolngu families.
- Work to reduce rates of smoking.

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8. Strengthening education and early childhood development

Outcome:

Djalkiripuyŋu need to have access to good education that confirms both Yolŋu and Balanda learnings and skills to support long term sustainability of the homelands.

Key Commitments from NT Government

- NTG to provide to support teachers living in the major homelands for Gāṅgaṅ and possibly Wandawuy.
- Support the development of Yolŋu teachers and staff over time.
- Commit to infrastructure improvements (in particular sporting infrastructure) at Baniyala, Gan Gan and Wandawuy schools
- Establishment and support of early childhood programs (playgroup or similar) at Baniyala Garraṇali School and where necessary at the Laynhapuy Homelands School.

Key Commitments from Djalkiripuyŋu leaders and DAC

- Contribute to the development of community controlled school models for Djalkiripuyŋu homelands.
- Ensure children and young people attend school.
- Identify local people for teacher training and development.
- Provide land for housing.

