

The Outback Highway Development Council Inc. requiring reliable phone and radio coverage for 2700km.

1. What telecommunications services are required in regional Australia to meet current and future needs?

The system needs to be easily upgraded as new technology develops.. Does Sky Link or local community telecommunication systems offer better value and longevity for rural and remote areas?

2. Are there any things regional communities and businesses need to do, but can't, on their existing services?

Access to Radio service for emergencies- across the Outback Way there is limited ABC Radio coverage this is problematic making it hard to get updated information about bushfires, floods, road conditions, across the region, in addition to news coverage. There is no access to Emergency briefings along the Outback Way.

3. What changes in demand, barriers or challenges need to be addressed when it comes to telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote Australia?

Cost- The Outback Way is serviced by varying levels of communication technology- from land lines to basic mobile coverage in communities.

The 400km optic fibre laid in 2008 (Warburton to Yulara) but to access this service government departments are paying approx. \$13,000/ mth to access this service. Boulia & Winton Shires recently paid \$60,000 for a booster tower at Middleton- for an extra 5km of coverage. The Centre for Appropriate Technology mobile booster units can be installed for \$30,000- extending the existing mobile signal another 5km.

4. How have the Government's policies and programs affected telecommunications service outcomes in regional, rural and remote Australia? How can these be improved?

The Government should have sold the retail arm of Telstra but not the infrastructure arm. All providers would have paid the access fee to the infrastructure and the government could have kept developing the infrastructure as required throughout Australia. Hindsight is a marvellous thing- however as technology has developed so far- this approach is similar for the NBN...

There is a need for service provider technology and government programmes to talk to each other. There is a 30M tower at Urandangi installed through black spot funding but the technology does not talk to Telstra's network so this infrastructure cannot be used by anyone .

5. How do service reliability issues impact on regional communities and businesses? How do outages, including in natural disasters, impact on communities and businesses?

Consistency of telecommunications is critical for business establishment and development. Working remotely and relying on your online presence for your tourism business, cattle trading, mining activity and traveller safety. Tobermorey station has been retrieving 2-3 vehicles a week at a cost of \$1500- \$3000/vehicle. These travellers are stranded with no mobile coverage and Tobermorey has Satellite coverage, but expensive and limited plans, Telstra has been- unhelpful.

6. How might such impacts be addressed to ensure greater reliability? How can the network resilience be addressed in regional areas?

Plug and Play universal components and technology. Do Local Councils play a role? Receiving an income from the service they offer. Even with all the previous investment in communication infrastructure on the Outback Way only communities have coverage and the road from Yulara to just north of Alice Springs on the Stuart Highway so a total of 400km (the most populated section) of the 2700km. 1300km of remote gravel road- not serviced- but that is where the accidents happen.

7. How did the use of digital services change for regional consumers and businesses during the response to the COVID-19 pandemic? What insights for future service delivery does this provide?

Working from home, station- based business flourished- Buy from the Bush. Direct marketed food sales and distribution. This has highlighted the service needs to be reliable.

8. What can be done to improve the access and affordability of telecommunications services in regional, rural and remote Indigenous communities?

Open access community operated- cheap and reliable- a community fibre approach. RMIT Melbourne

9. How can investment in telecommunications infrastructure work with other programs and policies to encourage economic development in regional Australia?

New road infrastructure needs to be coupled with telecommunication services- for safety and development.

10. What role could innovation, including new models, alternative investors or new ways of doing business, play to encourage investment in regional telecommunications infrastructure? What are the barriers?

Local open-source community solutions or Satellite/ sky link for roads and highways? What are all the options on the table right now and where is it heading? Government could partner with start ups and tech companies and invest in the technology as venture capital partner... then take it to market in pilot projects. Service providers buy/pay for access. The Outback Way could be a pilot project for remote areas.

11. To what extent will new technologies enable significant change to the delivery of telecommunications services in regional Australia over the next 5-10 years? Are there any barriers to accessing these technologies?
12. How can Government better support the rapid rollout of and investment in new telecommunications solutions in regional areas?

Local open-source community solutions. Satellite/ sky link for roads and highways. An audit of what is available, can it be linked together or enhanced with new technology to increase the coverage, or does new technology have to be overlaid... across the board. Local Councils, Regional economic bodies, RDA's could be utilised as existing networks to assist.

13. How can different levels of Government, the telecommunications industry and regional communities better co-ordinate their efforts to improve telecommunications in regional Australia?

Technology has to be government owned so it can be plug and play across the board and the service providers rent the technology and infrastructure to pay for the upgrades and further innovation/developments.

14. What changes to Government investment programs are required to ensure they continue to be effective in delivering improved telecommunications?

Government needs to own the technology and suppliers pay rent/ access fee.

15. How can regional consumers be better supported to identify, choose and use the best connectivity options for their circumstances, as well as to understand and use their consumer rights?

Government could provide updated coverage maps and service providers overlay, updated annually. Add to this the open-source community solutions.

16. To what extent is public information on connectivity options, including predictive coverage data and speeds, sufficient to help regional customers make informed decisions? What other information is needed?

This would be helpful- but what about the future needs- planning ahead. Government could provide updated coverage maps and service providers overlay, updated annually. Add to this the open-source community solutions.

17. What other matters should the Committee consider in its review and why are they important?

Middleton gets mobile coverage



Derek Barry

Local News



Winton Mayor Gavin Baskett and Boulia Mayor Rick Britton at the Middleton Small Cell installation.

Patrons at the remote Middleton Hotel will now have something else to raise their glasses to after Telstra delivered a satellite small cell in partnership with the Boulia and Winton Shire Councils.

A Telstra Satellite Small Cell is a smaller, lower cost version of a standard mobile base station and gives customers located within proximity of the cell, mobile coverage via the satellite network.

Telstra said this investment would provide much needed coverage for the community, particularly people travelling between Winton and Boulia, with Middleton around halfway on the 360km journey.

It's now the third Satellite Small Cell in the Winton Shire Council area after Corfield (the first nationally) and [Lark Quarry](#).

Telstra Regional General Manager Rachel Cliffe said it would boost mobile coverage in the area and contribute to improved road safety.



Middleton Hotel is around 160km west of Winton and a similar distance east of Boulia.

"Rolling out 4G voice services on small cells is part of Telstra's commitment to expanding its 4G mobile coverage in regional Australia and highlights the ongoing investments we are making in our network for our rural customers," Ms Cliffe said.

"These small cells use satellite technology to cost effectively deliver mobile coverage to areas where existing coverage is minimal or not available."

Winton Shire Council Mayor Gavin Baskett said it was great to see the Telstra Small Cell Tower up and running at Middleton.

"This will give both locals, transport operators and tourists another level of safety when travelling the long distance between Winton and Boulia. Not to mention the connectivity to be able to send photos and ring relatives from all over Australia," Cr Baskett said.

Boulia Shire Council Mayor Rick Britton said that as the halfway point between Winton and Boulia, Middleton was a crucial connection point.

"Thanks to this new Telstra satellite small cell, livestock transport will be able to connect with their destination, visitors can now showcase their journey on social media to family and friends, and job seekers will have more security on a somewhat daunting 370 kilometre stretch of road," Cr Britton said.

"Overall the telecommunications network opens rural and remote communities up to the world and will help put them on the map."

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The Outback Way

Australia's Longest Shortcut

PROJECT BRIEFING PAPER

The Outback Highway Development Council is an Alliance of Councils whose purpose is-
The sealing of the Outback Way, for the good of the nation.

THE ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS includes Winton Shire, Boulia Shire, Alice Springs Town Council,
Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku, Shire of Laverton.



TALKING POINTS

The Outback Way is 2700km- 1500km is sealed, 300km is currently being sealed.

- **The total GDP value all the Local Government areas across the Outback Way contribute to Australia is \$5.2B**
- **Since 2006, the OHDC Inc has secured over \$400million investment 80% by the Federal government and 20% by - NT, WA & Qld governments.**
- The Outback Way is a line item in the Federal budget and is considered for funding every year.
- Of the 1200km to seal, by 2022-23 there will be 950km to seal.
- **Based on the Investment Strategy formulated in 2018, to complete the seal, \$500M or 80% of the funding is being sort in the forward estimates 2022/23 - 2026/27 Federally with 20% provided by WA, NT & Qld. This will complete the transnational sealed road through the heart of Australia- connecting coast to coast.**
- On 26th February 2021, The Outback Way was announced as a National Project Initiative in the Infrastructure Australia Priority List.



The Outback Way is an enabler for national, regional and local business development.

- Pastoral and agriculture can distribute to a diverse access to markets- domestic and internationally
- Enabling reliable access will be the trigger operations for new mining projects in WA & NT.
- National freight and Supply chain efficiency.
- Improves the Road safety
- Tourists have a new National Road Trip expanding the domestic offering for the tourism sector.
- Enabling indigenous economic development and the sharing of Art and culture in communities.
- Enhances liveability of the rural and remote communities with continuity of health and educations services.

THE OUTBACK WAY THE JOURNEY

OUR HISTORY

In 1997- the OHDC Inc was created with an initial resolution at the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) Congress. The alliance of 5 Councils along the route have been collaborating ever since.

- WA- Shire of Laverton and Shire of Ngaanyatjarraku, NT- Alice Springs Town Council, and in Qld- Boulia Shire and Winton Shire.
- OHDC Inc also connects with Central Desert Regional Council and Macdonnell Regional Council

OUR VALUES

- ❖ To be a relevant driver in making a significant contribution to Australia's national development through this iconic project for the country with all tier of Government support, to be part of the solution,
- ❖ We are *passionate* about the Outback Way because of its importance to the nation and to the long-term sustainability and livability of the communities in which we live.
- ❖ To improve the Quality of life for inland Australia through improved access and equity of service provision for rural and remote Australians & responsible economic opportunities to our communities (Considering the wellbeing of people, animals and the environment)
- ❖ Create the tourism & economic opportunity to safely experience the quintessential adventure, spirit and culture of inland Australia, with respect for the natural environment.
- ❖ Proudly working as an Alliance of Councils, collaborating and innovating on completing national infrastructure, genuine co-operation and passion, and a view to success in the long term through forward moving, thinking, learning and growing and respect for each other and each other's circumstances.

NATIONAL COLLABORATION

The OHDC Inc. engages with the 3 tiers of Government and actively works with the RDA network, Economic Development Bodies, Mining Companies, Freight Companies, Pastoral & Ag organisations, National/ State/Territory and Local tourism organisations, Tourism companies, indigenous communities, Regional Councils the ILC, CLC, & NgLC and industry organisations.

These partnerships continue to open-up enormous opportunities for future development as we work together.

FUNDING

2018 \$160 million Commitment plus 20% WA, NT, Qld.

In April 2018, the Australian Government announced a further \$160 million to seal and widen sections of the Outback Way.

The Australian Government allocated the \$160 million commitment among the jurisdictions as follows:

Queensland—\$33.5 million

Northern Territory—\$50 million

Western Australia—\$76.5 million

The Australian Government is working with Queensland, the Northern Territory and Western Australia to identify the sections of the Outback Way to be upgraded under this commitment.

2016 \$100 million Commitment plus 20% WA, NT, Qld

In 2016, the Australian Government committed \$100 million to upgrade targeted sections of the Outback Way. Works to be undertaken include safety and productivity improvements, such as road widening and sealing.

In order to identify projects, the Australian Government commissioned an Investment Strategy to help inform the allocation of the \$100 million commitment.

2016 \$28 million Northern Australia Roads Program (NARP) plus \$7M NT

The Australian Government has committed \$28 million through the NARP to undertake works on key sections of the Plenty Highway and Tjukururu Road in the Northern Territory.

2013 \$42 million Commitment plus 20% WA, NT, Qld

In 2013, the Australian Government committed an initial \$42 million towards the Outback Way, for projects across the three northern jurisdictions.

2005 \$10Million matched by WA, NT, Qld

The \$20 million upgraded the road to a type 3 gravel road, with some realignments. The road was assessed by all 3 jurisdictions and funding was allocated to the worst sections, not 3 ways, the focus was to improve the road condition and connectivity across the entire route. The collaboration and commitment to the Outback Way as entire route by the Shires and 3 jurisdictions was established.

SHORTENING THE SHORTCUT



PAIN-POINTS SOLVED

A TRANS-NATIONAL ROUTE

The Outback Way development - solves the current pain points by;

- reducing freight costs,
- improving remote service delivery,
- enhancing quality of life in rural and remote communities, enabling economic opportunities
- enabling mining developments,
- creating a new tourism route across Australia.

The Outback Way unlocks the potential as recognised in the National strategy papers- such as Developing Northern Australia, IQRAP, the National Freight and Supply Chain strategy, Infrastructure Australia Priority List 2021.

THE GRAVEL ROAD COSTS THE NATION OVER \$30MILLION ANNUALLY.

- **Reduces National Freight time.** Light vehicles alone will save 19hrs travel time equating to the cost saving of \$703/trip. The 2020 Light vehicle numbers equate to a saving of \$20 million per annum for travelers.
- **Mining potential** – with 5 Mines operating and developing along and adjacent to the Great Central Road- WA- a sealed Outback Way would reduce the mining freight travel time from 8hrs to 4hrs to travel 300km.
- **Livestock Industry savings** of \$2.6 million/ yr
- **Tourism growth** with an additional 3000 tourists/ yr to the Goldfields Region this equates to an additional \$450,000 into the Laverton community alone.
- Over 2014- 19 Boulia & Winton overnight stays have increased by 63%, a value of \$27.6m for Boulia and \$68.8m for Winton.
- **In 2019, the total caravan and camping visitor nights exceeded 60 million and 14 million trips for the first time Caravanning-** since 2010 the market has grown by: an additional 5.5 million caravan and camping trips.
- **Livability enhanced-** A sealed Outback Way will enhance the continuity of health and education services in remote and rural communities. If you can leave- your will stay!
- **Current costs:** of a nationally benchmarked 'Basket of Goods' in Warburton (Ngaanyatjarraku Shire Council) sits at 133% higher than goods in towns connected by a sealed road.

- **Maintenance costs** if the Outback Way remains unsealed is expected to cost an additional \$10,000,000 per annum. **Increasing maintenance frequency:** Budgets for Ngaanyatjarraku maintenance funding for the road have increased 40.6% from FY18 to FY20.

ALLIANCE OF COUNCILS

WINTON-Gross Regional Product- \$81M

Mayor: Gavin Baskett CEO: Ricki Bruhn Contact: 07 46572666

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ **Small Business** – Small businesses play an integral role in the local economy. Winton Shire’s retail businesses account for just under ten per cent of the shire’s jobs.
- ❖ **Tourism**- Winton Shire has some iconic attractions including the;
 - Waltzing Matilda Centre,
 - the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum and Lark Quarry Dinosaur Trackway.
 - Self-drive based tourism forms an important part of Winton Shire’s economy and provides a major boost during the peak season April – October.
- ❖ **Film & Events** – In recent times the shire has identified its competitive advantages in the film and events sectors and developed new products and experiences which have successfully allowed it to increase GRP and new jobs from non-traditional markets.
- ❖ **Agriculture** – historically one of the most important sectors for Winton Shire. With the cattle industry being the most significant contributor to the region’s Gross Regional Product (GRP). **Saleyards** – organic certification. Winton and surrounding shires, have a growing number of organic cattle stations. Council have chosen to support the Organic Livestock Industry by undertaking the organic certification process at the Winton Saleyards.

BOULIA- Gross Regional Product- \$37.5million

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- ❖ **Tourism**- Each year, approximately 36,700 tourists overnight in Boulia Shire they spend \$27.1 million. Of all visitors to the shire, 58 per cent are tourists. Tourists travel through the region from the Northern Territory (especially Alice Springs) and northern Western Australia. The Min Min Encounter and the Desert Sands Camel Race are the region’s primary tourism experiences- connecting with the Big Red Bash and other Outback Qld attractions.
- ❖ **Agriculture**- is Boulia Shire’s primary economic driver. The cattle industry is the most significant contributor to the region’s Gross Regional Product. Sheep also contribute to the region’s agricultural output. **Sealing the Donohue Highway to the NT saves \$2.61/hd for the Livestock Industry.(CSIRO) The Organic spelling facility is connecting Alice to Blackall.**
- ❖ **Mining exploration**- With its proximity to the North West Minerals Province, mineral exploration is occurring to the north and west of Boulia with companies basing themselves in Boulia to undertake this work.
- ❖ **Industrial Development**- the Boulia Shire Council is investing in a new industrial area which is currently under development. This development supports the future development of the region’s growing transportation sector- ie:organic spelling yards for livestock from NT & Qld.

ALICE SPRINGS Gross Regional Product- \$2.61B.

Mayor: Damien Ryan CEO: Robert Jennings Contact: 08 89500525

As a fully serviced regional centre and main transport hub with Road Rail and Air access.

- ❖ **Tourism**- Central Australia – December 2019- the total expenditure in the region \$482M
- ❖ **Agriculture**- The NTCA’s facility in Alice Springs was one of the first Organic and USDA NOP certified spelling and sale facilities in Australia.
 - The cattle industry and related industries contribute \$1 billion annually to the NT economy.
 - Pastoralists generate more than 85% of the NT’s primary production value
- ❖ **Transport Hub**- Adelaide Darwin Railway, Road Freight, Livestock freight, Air freight. A sealed Outback Way offers an East/ West feeder route to the Adelaide/Darwin Railway.
- ❖ **Mining**- KGL Resources at Jervois- Plenty Highway- the target commodity is copper with subordinate silver, gold, lead and zinc.
- ❖ Macdonnell Regional Council - \$375Million / Central Desert Regional Council - \$748Million

NGAANYATJARRAKU- Gross Regional Product- \$94M

President: Damian McLean CEO: Kevin Hannagan Contact: 08 89567966

- ❖ **Tourism:** values at \$2M- with a variety of Tourism Roadhouses, Art Galleries and points of interest in the Shire. Yurliya Art Gallery is a 100% owned gallery featuring Aboriginal art.
- ❖ **Community-** Wages- \$30M- Unemployment rate 27.1%, Employees 336
 - The Ngaanyatjarra Council (Aboriginal Corporation)

was established almost forty years ago to provide a range of services across the Lands communities.

- Ngaanyatjarra Services, for building services, planning and project management and essential services maintenance.
- Indervon Petroleum Pty Ltd Fuel/Oil Distribution.
- Ngaanyatjarra Agency and Transport Services (NATS); providing a regular bulk delivery transport service including supply to community stores.
- Ngaanyatjarra Camel Company; to manage the impact of feral camels and seek to establish a commercial camel industry for export.
- Ngaanyatjarra Construction and Management Services (NCAMS).
- Ngaanyatjarra Health Service is an Aboriginal Community Controlled health service providing care to indigenous people living in communities, with over 9 clinics providing full-time primary health care.
- ❖ **Mining-** Mining and Petroleum Exploration is a growing activity in the region, including the projects:
 - Australia's largest undeveloped copper nickel deposit, West Musgrave Project (Oz Minerals, Cassini Resources).
 - Australia's largest undeveloped nickel-cobalt project, Central Musgrave Project (NICO Res).
- ❖ **Output of industries-** \$85M

LAVERTON. Gross Regional Product \$2.4B

President: Patrick Hill CEO: Peter Naylor Contact: 08 90311202

- ❖ **Tourism**
 - Laverton is the western entry point to the Outback Way, and access to Uluru.
 - 80 cars in Laverton each day, 45 from Western Australia and 35 from the Eastern States
 - Numerous attractions and points of interest are on offer.
- ❖ **Mining-** Valued at over \$1.9B, situated in a prolific mining province with long-term prospects and today boasts the mining operations of:
 - Focus Minerals, Laverton gold project/ AngloGold Ashanti Australia Sunrise Dam and JV with Independence Group, Tropicana gold operations/ Dacian gold, Mount Morgan's/ GoldFields and Gold Road, Gruyere gold mine GoldFields, Granny Smith mine/ Lynas Corporation, Mt Weld Rare Earths/ Minara Resources, Murrin Murrin Nickel and Cobalt/ Great Southern Mining Mt lucky and Cox' find projects/ Salt Lake Potash Lake Wells project/ Regis Resources, Garden Well and Moolart Well/ FMG, Mt. Windarra Nickel
 - Australian Potash, Lake Wells and Laverton Downs Projects
 - Matsa Resources, Lake Carey and Red October
- ❖ **Agriculture**
 - Several Pastoral Stations operate around Laverton, with well-developed infrastructure. Many of the stations are owned and managed by the adjoining mining companies.
 - Sandlewood industry.
- ❖ **Output of industries-** \$2.2B.

OUTBACK WAY INITIATIVES

❖ TOURISM COLLATERAL

- Tourism Brochure distributed at Travel Trade shows
- Travel Journal
- Outback Way APP
- Outback Way Podcast
- Outback Way Geocache Starter Kit
- Outback Way website

❖ LOBBYING- The Outback Way aligns and enhances various Federal policy and strategic documents including the:

- Infrastructure Australia Priority List 2021
- Included in all 3 RDA Priority project lists
- Outback Way Investment Strategy
- Australian Infrastructure Audit
- National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy
- Closing the Gap Report
- Regions 2030 – Unlocking Opportunity
- National Remote and Regional Transport Strategy
- Our North, Our Future: White Paper of Developing Northern Australia.

TO FINISH THE OUTBACK WAY

- The Investment Strategy indicates that there will be 950km to seal after the current funding allocation is expended.
- The OHDC Inc- want to ensure the continuity of funding for the sealing across the Outback Way in every jurisdiction.
- The Federal funding split is 80% with 20% contribution by the States and Territory

REQUIRED FUNDING-

- \$500M (80% Federal funds) allocated a funding schedule of \$100M/year for 5 years from 2022/23 into the forward estimates to 2026/27
- With 20% contribution from NT, WA & Qld.
- **TOTAL EXPENDITURE \$600M**

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Aboriginal communities get connected

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Superior broadband services, a new training centre and better emergency response equipment are making life a lot easier in remote Aboriginal communities in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands.

Industry and Enterprise Minister Francis Logan today announced that the provision of high-speed broadband and improved telecommunications in six remote communities was now completed.

Mr Logan announced that the second stage of the Ngaanyatjarra Lands Telecommunications project would see another six communities connected.

The Minister made the announcements yesterday after visiting the community of Warakurna near the borders of Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory.

The Ngaanyatjarra Lands Telecommunications project is jointly funded by the WA Government, the Federal Government and the Shire of Ngaanyatjarrku.

Mr Logan said the communities of Wingellina, Warburton, Jameson, Blackstone, Wanarn and Warakurna were now connected to high-speed and reliable broadband.

“The 400km of optic fibre that has been laid and the new transmission and DSL equipment installed by Telstra have improved the health, education, justice and business services available to these communities,” he said.

“I visited the community of Wingellina last year and saw first-hand the opportunities this project has created. After visiting the school and seeing how excited the children were to surf the net and see what was on offer in the wider world, I have no doubt of this project’s impact.

“The telecommunications service in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands now rivals that of the services in the metropolitan areas - this was previously unheard of in communities as remote as these.”

The Minister said the second stage of the project would begin soon and involve the communities of Cosmo Newberry, Patjarr, Kanpa, Tjirrkarli, Tjukurla and Kiwirrkurra.

This would ensure the entire 160,000sq.km of the Ngaanyatjarra Lands would have upgraded telecommunications infrastructure.

Ngaanyatjarraku shire president Damian Mclean said the project had connected the Ngaanyatjarra Lands to information and services that were not previously accessible.

“The availability and reliability of telephones in the area have increased dramatically because of this project,” Mr Mclean said.

“We can now be confident that when we pick up a phone and make a call, it will work.”

Telstra Country Wide executive director Peter Fairclough said Telstra shared the vision of the Commonwealth and WA Governments to extend broadband services to remote parts of Australia.

“This telecommunications project clearly demonstrates that commitment,” Mr Fairclough said.

“It means more Australians can benefit from the health, education, business and social opportunities provided by access to fast broadband services.”

Mr Logan also officially opened the new state-of-the-art Warakurna Training Campus, where community members would be able to learn business and computing skills.

“The Ngaanyatjarra Community College Registered Training Organisation will use this facility to provide group and individual training to the community members of the Ngaanyatjarra Lands, further expanding their opportunities,” he said.

“Training and development will focus on programs designed to help local residents find employment.

“The Ngaanyatjarra Lands Telecommunications Project complements this new facility and will ensure community members are given the best training possible.”

Mr Logan said new response teams in Warakurna and Warburton would improve emergency response capabilities in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands.

WA Senator Glenn Sterle, who also visited Warakurna yesterday, handed over two purpose-built emergency response trailers on behalf of the Federal Government.

The trailers were supplied by the Fire and Emergency Services Authority and funded through the Federal Government’s ‘Working Together to Manage Emergencies - Local Grant Scheme’.

The new response teams will receive training from qualified firefighters in Road Accident Rescue to complement the trailers.

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Francis Logan

Minister for Energy; Resources; Industry and Enterprise (2008)