



Unity Through Enterprise

**The Arnhem Land Progress
Aboriginal Corporation**

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**Welcome Reforms for CDP in Arnhem Land today
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The Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation (ALPA) has welcomed new reforms under the Community Development Program (CDP) to better deliver training and employment opportunities to remote communities in Arnhem Land.

Deputy Chair of ALPA Mr Mickey Wunungmurra says “the Board of ALPA had asked for changes to make the CDP more flexible, helping providers and participants to work together to get good outcomes. We are happy to see these changes which will allow people in CDP to live full lives with family and culture whilst still meeting their obligation and doing training and activities.”

ALPA General Manager of Community Services, Mr Liam Flanagan, says “the rigidity of the current program has created challenges and hasn’t always taken into account remote or unique Indigenous circumstances”.

Mr Flanagan says “the increased flexibility and discretion in this phase of the reforms will allow local Aboriginal providers such as ALPA to better tailor our services so we can give support to individuals based on their specific circumstances rather than treating everyone in the same way.”

“Participants will be empowered to determine their own working hours in line with other obligations such as caring, ceremonies and funerals. This flexibility, coupled with a reduction in the number of hours required per week, will increase engagement and further enhance the effectiveness of the CDP.”

CDP Engagement Co-ordinator, Ted Gondarra, in Galiwin'ku says “the reforms will help me deliver better training to our job seekers and it will also allow greater capacity for me to deliver resources to my people”.

“Changes to the provider payment model allow providers to spend less time undertaking administration and compliance and more time and resources working on engagement and service delivery, providing a higher level of support in communities”.

ALPA congratulates the Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister, Nigel Scullion, on the announcement of these reforms and look forward to them being implemented. ALPA will continue to engage with the Government on future phases of the CDP reform process.

The reforms will take effect in March 2019

Key Figures:

- ALPA currently supports over 1100 CDP participants across two regions.
- Over 450 participants have maintained new jobs and moved off welfare.
- 40 sustainable Indigenous jobs have been created at ALPA to deliver CDP to date.
- A further 119 new jobs have been created through social enterprise development.