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Upgrades and Construction Work Underway in Wadeye

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Thamarrurr Development Corporation (TDC) has welcomed the recent news that it has been awarded a contract under the Northern Territory Government (NTG) "Room to Breathe" Program.

Room to Breathe is part of the Northern Territory Government's 10-year \$1.1 billion remote housing program (Our Community. Our Future. Our Homes.) which aims to create local jobs, joint venture opportunities and increase the demand for the supply of steel and other building materials.

TDC has been awarded a contract as part of the \$10 million fast-tracked by the NTG to stimulate early works.

"We thank the Northern Territory Government and the Department of Housing and Community Development for their vision and trust in supporting a locally owned Aboriginal business" said Tobias Nganbe, TDC Managing Director. "This support will allow us to continue to grow our capacity and to provide more local jobs for local people".

Under this contract TDC will undertake modifications and improvements to eight houses initially, with the possibility of more to come. "The issues that come from overcrowded and unsuitable houses are well known. We hope that this work can help some families on a path to better living" Tobias said.

This contract is in addition to the work being undertaken by TDC with ongoing upgrades to houses, and the recently announced infrastructure upgrade to the Wadeye barge landing. "Our business is about local jobs" said Joseph Thardim, TDC Housing and Construction employee. "Over half of the workers on the refurbis are local Kardu workers, and we will see more local jobs in this Room to Breathe work".

The opportunity provided through these contracts is assisting TDC to prepare for upcoming construction of new houses, expected to commence in the coming months.



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About TDC

TDC is a business owned by the Kardu people of the Wadeye region, established in 2008 to support socio-economic development throughout the Western Top End.

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