

Housing Assistance (Commonwealth/State Housing Agreement 2003-2008) (Trilateral Indigenous Housing Agreement Extension) Notice 2006*

Notifiable instrument NI2006–7

made under the

Housing Assistance Act 1987, s 11A (Housing Agreement or Variation)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Housing Assistance (Commonwealth/State Housing Agreement 2003-2008) (Trilateral Indigenous Housing Agreement Extension) Notice 2006*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after notification.

3 Date of extension

This instrument notifies the extension to the Agreement from 1 July 2003 until 30 June 2004.

3 Notification

Copies of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Trilateral Housing Agreement are available for inspection at the Housing ACT Shopfront, Ground Floor, Nature Conservation House, Corner Benjamin Way and Emu Bank, Belconnen. Copies are also available in PDF version on <http://www.dhcs.act.gov.au/dhcs/Publications>.

Sandra Lambert
Commissioner for Housing
21 December 2005

*Name amended under Legislation Act, s 60



Minister for Family and Community Services
MINISTER ASSISTING THE PRIME MINISTER FOR THE STATUS OF WOMEN
SENATOR THE HON AMANDA VANSTONE

20 JUN 2003



Mr Bill Wood, MLA
Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services
ACT Legislative Assembly
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Minister *BM*,

I note that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Trilateral Housing Agreement expires on 30 June 2003, but that provision exists, under sub-clause 3.2 of the Agreement, for the extension of the term of the Agreement, or for the creation of a new agreement

I am pleased to advise you that I support the extension of the Agreement to 30 June 2004.

I look forward to receiving reports of positive outcomes under the Agreement.

Yours sincerely

AMANDA VANSTONE



Bill Wood MLA

MINISTER FOR URBAN SERVICES MINISTER FOR ARTS AND HERITAGE
MINISTER FOR DISABILITY, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

MEMBER FOR BRINDABELLA

Senator Amanda Vanstone
Minister for Family and Community Services
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Original Sent by Minister 0403

7/7/03

Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter regarding the extension of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Trilateral Housing Agreement between the Department of Family and Community Services, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission and the ACT Government.

As you highlighted in your letter the current Agreement expires on 30 June 2003 and Sub-clause 3.2 of the Agreement provides for the option of extension by written agreement. The ACT Government is pleased to learn of your support to extend to 30 June 2004. Adjustments will be made to Schedule One and Two of the Agreement following extension to reflect the new financial year.

The ACT Government is acutely aware of the disadvantaged position of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our community and the need to take action to address this disadvantage and believes that the Agreement is an important mechanism under which this issue can be partially resolved. Therefore, it is greatly appreciated that the Commonwealth supports this agreement.

I look forward to continuing to work with you to improve housing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the ACT and surrounding region.

Yours sincerely

Bill Wood MLA
Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services
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MEMBER FOR BRINDABELLA

Ms Iris White
Chairperson
ATSIC Queanbeyan Regional Council
PO Box 172
QUEANBEYAN NSW 2620

Original Sent by Minister's Office

14/7/03

Dear Ms White

I am writing to seek your agreement to the extension of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Trilateral Housing Agreement between the ACT Government, the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS), and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

The current Agreement expired on 30 June 2003 and Sub-clause 3.2 of the Agreement provides for the extension by written agreement. The preferred option would be to extend the current Agreement, since developing a new one would necessitate another round of potentially lengthy consultations and negotiations with stakeholders. Adjustments will be made to the Agreement following the extension in Schedule One and Two to reflect the new financial year.

I suggest that the current Agreement be extended to 30 June 2004. I note that a review of the Trilateral Housing Agreement will be undertaken by the Parties in conjunction with the proposed Steering Committee by 30 June 2004.

The ACT Government is acutely aware of the disadvantaged position of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our community and the need to take action to address this disadvantage and believes that the Agreement is an important mechanism under which this issue can be partially resolved. Therefore, I ask most respectfully that you extend this Agreement by letter of confirmation, so that we can begin to develop a comprehensive housing program under its auspices.

I thank you for your consideration of this matter, and look forward to continuing to work with you to improve housing outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in the ACT.

Yours sincerely

Bill Wood MLA
Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services
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Mr Geoff Clarke
Chairman for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission
PO Box 17
WODEN ACT 2606

Original Sent by Minister

14/7/03

Dear Mr Chairman

I am writing to seek your agreement to the extension of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Trilateral Housing Agreement between the ACT Government, the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS), and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC).

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Yours sincerely

Bill Wood

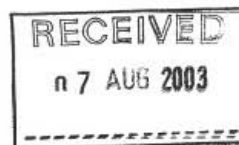
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QUEANBEYAN REGIONAL COUNCIL



Minister Bill Wood
MLA
Minister for Disability, Housing and Community Services

Dear Minister Wood

I am writing in response to your letter dated 14 July 2003, regarding the extension to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Trilateral Housing Agreement between the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC), the ACT Government and the Commonwealth Department of Family and Community Services (FaCS).

ATSIC agrees with the proposed extension of this Agreement to 30 June 2004. This is in line with a decision at the Queanbeyan Regional Council meeting number 38 in Jervis Bay Territory, decision number 1164 whereby Council endorsed the extension of the Tri-lateral Housing Agreement for a further period of 12 months. This will allow for the full establishment of the Steering Committee and enable some development under the terms of the Agreement. It also permits the Steering Committee to review the Agreement and evaluate aspects that may require more detail and/or flexibility.

The Queanbeyan Regional Council considers housing to be a priority within this Region including the ACT. This Council fully supports the Trilateral Housing Agreement and believes this Agreement will move towards better accommodating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander residents of the ACT.

The Queanbeyan Regional Council of ATSIC looks forward to continuing a positive working relationship with the ACT Government and FaCS in terms of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing and looks to forming future partnerships in other areas of need.

Yours sincerely

Keith Morgan
A/g Chairperson
Queanbeyan Regional Council

30 July 2003

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Mr Bill Wood MLA
Minister for Disability, Housing and Community
Services
ACT Legislative Assembly
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Wood

Thank you for your letter of 14 July 2003 regarding an extension to the ACT
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Trilateral Housing Agreement.

I understand there has been limited progress in implementing the Agreement and in
establishing the structures to ensure joint planning arrangements for Indigenous
housing programs take place. However, I am informed that officers from the various
agencies are now meeting in order to progress the process.

I agree with your suggestion that, in the circumstances, the current Agreement
should be extended to 30 June 2004 and, as a Party to the current Agreement, my
formal approval is hereby given.

I would also like to raise a related issue and that is the impact on the ACT Housing
Agreement of the separation of powers and roles between the Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Commission and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services
(ATSIS). As you will appreciate, this decision will require changes to all State and
Territory Indigenous Housing Agreements in order to reflect the roles and
responsibilities of ATSIS.

At this stage, officers from the Housing and Environment Branch of ATSIS are
developing a proposal to present to the Parties of all Housing Agreements for their
approval. I do not anticipate that there will be any difficulties with this process and I
understand that the changes can be effectively enacted by an addendum to the
Agreement. I am informed that ATSIS officers will be contacting the officers of the
agencies who are Parties to the ACT Indigenous Housing Agreement once they
have clarified the new roles and responsibilities.

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The Commission looks forward to continuing to work cooperatively with your Government in order to address housing needs and to improve the overall environmental conditions of Indigenous people living in the ACT and surrounding regions.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely



Lionel Quartermaine
Acting Chairman

21 AUG 2003