



Northern Land Council

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NLC signs five-year MoU with Power & Water

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NLC Chief Executive, Norman Fry, said today that the NLC's Employment & Training program has taken another leap forward with the signing of a five-year Memorandum of Understanding with the Power and Water Corporation.

"This Agreement is a win-win for all concerned," Mr Fry said. "Because it is not only about providing young Aboriginal people with career opportunities within Power & Water, but it is also about developing the local and regional labour markets."

Under the terms of the Agreement, the NLC will;

- (i) promote awareness of the Programs to Indigenous persons including within secondary schools;
- (ii) encourage Indigenous persons to apply for the Programs;
- (iii) provide mentoring and pre-employment training prior to candidates applying for the Programs;
- (iv) where appropriate, provide numeracy and literacy assistance to candidates applying for the Programs; and,
- (v) identify any employment opportunities at Power and Water for indigenous persons, particularly within remote communities.

"Both parties recognise that there are many benefits for Aboriginal people in the NLC and Power & Water working together," Mr Fry said.

"The Northern Land Council has been actively involved in partnerships that ensure that Aboriginal people can access opportunities that might otherwise not be made available to them. Today's signing is a continuation of that process."

Since its inception in 2001, the NLC Job's and Careers Service (JACS) has expanded from a single written agreement, to having placed over 300 Aboriginal people into employment opportunities.

"Today, the NLC's employment program is widely regarded as the 'best practice' Indigenous employment program in the country - we are proud of that achievement," Mr Fry said.

"We are building on the opportunities that are being presented to Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory, and will continue to negotiate agreements with potential partners in the construction, mining and hospitality industries that offer real outcomes for Aboriginal people."

