



# Monitoring and Evaluation System Project

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COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

*Building stronger communities and better lives*

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Some Legune Native Title Holders workshop ideas about leadership and wellbeing at a CP&D monitoring meeting in Wadeye

## What is monitoring and evaluation?

Monitoring is like doing a check-up of your car – you need to make sure the tires and engine are good so you can keep driving. Monitoring helps the Northern Land Council (NLC) keep on track and heading towards goals set by Traditional Owners. Monitoring is also a way to recognise and celebrate achievements.

## About the CP&D program

The NLC's Community Planning and Development (CP&D) Program started in 2016. It helps Aboriginal people to drive their own development projects and secure benefits from their land, waters and seas. The NLC committed to establishing a comprehensive CP&D monitoring system in 2018 to strengthen the process and track progress of the program.



Native Title Holders discuss monitoring and evaluation at a workshop in Kununurra

## About the monitoring project

The NLC will conduct three monitoring experiments as part of the monitoring project. These experiments will help the CP&D Program and Traditional Owners work out the best way to measure the success and value of community development projects. The project runs for three years from 2019 to 2022.

The three monitoring experiments are summarised below:

Experiment name	Region	Location	Research project partner
<b>Checking-up to keep on track</b> Looking at social and wellbeing measures	Victoria River District	Legune (Project Sea Dragon)	La Trobe University
<b>Participatory monitoring</b> Working with Traditional Owners to find good ways to tell the community development story	East Arnhem	Galiwin'ku & Gapuwiyak	Northern Institute, Charles Darwin University
<b>Expanded community development process</b> Using traditional project monitoring processes	Darwin Daly Wagait, East Arnhem, Ngukurr, Victoria River District	Daly River, Palumpa, Wadeye, South East Arnhem Land IPA, Ngukurr	La Trobe University

The main purpose for monitoring and evaluation of the CP&D Program is to provide accountability to Aboriginal people. Accountability includes evaluation of Program process, outputs and outcomes. Aboriginal people will judge the worth of projects and the benefits they get through community development.

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