



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of the **Premier and Cabinet**

# The South West Native Title Settlement

An Agreement reached between the Noongar People and  
the Western Australian Government

## Noongar Housing Program: Factsheet

The South West Native Title Settlement (the Settlement) is the largest and most comprehensive agreement to settle Aboriginal interests over land in Australia. The Settlement, involving six Noongar Native Title Agreement Groups, and covering 200,000 square kilometres of land, represents significant social and economic investment in the Noongar community and the shared future of Western Australia.

On 8 June 2015, after extensive negotiations, and authorisation by the Noongar people, the Western Australian Government signed (executed) the six South West Native Title Settlement Agreements with the Ballardong, Gnaala Karla Booja, South West Boojarah, Wagyl Kaip & Southern Noongar, Whadjuk and Yued groups.

The Settlement as a whole will only become fully effective after all of the six Agreements have been conclusively registered in accordance with the Native Title Act 1993 (Cth), and any related court proceedings have been resolved.

For the latest information see the 'status of the Settlement' section of the Department of the Premier and Cabinet website (<http://www.dpc.wa.gov.au/lantu>).



## Noongar Housing Program

***The WA Housing Authority, as part of the Department of Communities, will transfer 121 properties located in the South West region and metropolitan Perth to the Noongar Boodja Trust (NBT). Funds will also be available to refurbish or upgrade those properties.***

### What properties will be transferred?

The WA Housing Authority will transfer, in freehold title, 121 properties to the NBT and provide funding for the refurbishment of those properties. In order to protect the confidentiality of current tenancy agreements, information regarding property locations cannot be disclosed. However, the properties that will be transferred are located in the Perth metro area or the South West region.

### Will existing tenants be affected?

Not all transferred properties will be tenanted. The timing of the transfers of the properties to the NBT will take into account the needs of existing tenants and the terms of their lease agreement. The WA Housing Authority will manage this process.

### How will these properties be used in the future?

The properties will be received and held by the NBT. The NBT is bound by the six Settlement Agreements (or Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs)) to manage, invest and/or develop the properties with appropriate consultation with the relevant Noongar Regional Corporation(s).

The NBT Trustee, in consultation with the Noongar Community, may decide to develop the properties through a combination of refurbishment and redevelopment, sale, commercial exploitation, and/or rental. The WA Housing Authority will make available \$10,000,000 to the NBT for works toward the refurbishment, upgrade, repair or demolition of these properties. The NBT Trustee is responsible for all works done in relation to the properties.

### Further Information

Further information about the Settlement, including the six Settlement Agreements (or Indigenous Land Use Agreements – ILUAs) made in compliance with the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993*, can be found on the website of the Department of Premier and Cabinet ([www.dpc.wa.gov.au/lantu/](http://www.dpc.wa.gov.au/lantu/))