



Government of **Western Australia**  
Department of **Communities**

# Department of Communities

WAIPS 2020 and Pipeline of Work Launch



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# Acknowledgement of Country

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I would like to respectfully acknowledge all the Traditional Owners of the land, across the state of Western Australia.

I acknowledge not only the connection to the land, but the waters, animals and community.

I pay my respects to Elders of the past, Elders of today and Elders of the future.



# The Department of Communities

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- Collaborating to create pathways that enable individual, family and community wellbeing is the core purpose of the Department of Communities.
- In June, the Western Australian Government announced a housing stimulus package with an estimated value of \$444 million to aid the state's COVID-19 recovery.
- Communities is leading the delivery of a \$319 million Social Housing Economic Recovery Package.



# Package Workstreams

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**Workstream 1** → \$97 million for up to 250 new social housing properties

**Workstream 2** → \$142 million to refurbish up to 1500 houses

**Workstream 3** → \$80 million for maintenance programs for up to 3800 properties



# Community Impact



- This is a package that will benefit the whole community
- We are also working with Shelter WA to prepare a call-for-submissions process
- Estimated benefit of the Package ➡ 1700 jobs, \$660 million economic activity, with \$300 million in regional and remote WA



# Work Opportunities



- We want to foster regional prosperity
- All maintenance and refurbishment works to date have been awarded to local businesses
- Packages are scaled to support local capacity and capability
- Together with Department of Finance we have developed more targeted procurement processes
- Our focus is on inclusive employment outcomes



# Procurement Methods

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- New panel procurement processes to drive Aboriginal employment, employment of women, people with disability, youth (including apprenticeships) and sub-contracting opportunities
- Head Maintenance Contractors in place who act as superintendent for Communities' maintenance works
- Anyone interested in securing maintenance work through the Package should register their interest with our Head Maintenance Contractors
- Register with Tenders WA to ensure you are informed about upcoming opportunities



# Conclusion



- Supporting local businesses like these is what this Package is all about.
- I would like to acknowledge and thank our colleagues here today for their efforts in helping to deliver these opportunities to our community.
- And I would also like to thank the members of our construction industry who are so integral to our community here in Western Australia.
- I know that through our combined efforts, we can support our community to recover and to thrive.