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Consultation The Way To Go

The Julalikari Aboriginal Corporation has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to secure a $30 million package to improve living conditions in Tennant Creek town camps.

Chief Minister Clare Martin said the MOU between the corporation, the NT and Federal Governments is the sensible way to achieve results.

“This agreement shows the Federal Government the best way to deal with Aboriginal people,” Ms Martin said.

“We have sat down with Julalikari and the Federal Government and worked out a substantial investment that will help secure the future of children in Tennant Creek.

"We have secured the agreement with cooperation and consultation.

"Julalikari’s decision was arrived at with the informed consent of the Aboriginal residents of the town camps.

"It is totally opposite to the way the Federal Government intends to compulsorily acquire Aboriginal land under its legislation that was tabled in Federal Parliament today.

“Julalikari will sublease the town camps to the Northern Territory for 99 years.

“The Federal Government will provide $20 million and the Northern Territory Government will provide $10 million to upgrade essential services, build new houses and repair existing houses.

“The town camps will become fully integrated suburbs of Tennant Creek and services will be delivered by the NT Government and local government authorities.”

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