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TOWN CAMPS DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Federal and the Northern Territory Governments have urged Tangentyere Council to reconsider its decision to turn down $60 million to upgrade town camps.

Chief Minister Clare Martin has called Indigenous Affairs Minister Mal Brough and he has agreed to give Tangentyere Council until Wednesday to take up the offer.

“We must work together to address the issues in town camps for the sake of all Central Australians,” said Mr McAdam.

“The Federal and Northern Territory Governments will continue discussions with Tangentyere Council to try and get this important funding secured.

“The residents of the town camps can’t afford to walk away from $60 million – it has the potential to create real generational change for Indigenous people in Central Australia,” said Mr McAdam.

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