

Quarterly Stakeholder Report

Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project

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Acknowledgement: The Project acknowledges the land of the Kungarakan and Warai Traditional Owners on which the Rum Jungle Project is located. The Project team pays respects to elder’s past, present and emerging and acknowledges the ongoing Warai and Kungarakan connection to Country. The Project thanks Kungarakan and Warai peoples for their ongoing cooperation and participation.

Project Director's Overview

Welcome to the Quarterly Stakeholder Report for the period April to June 2025. It has been a productive period with the commencement of construction works on site. Two main packages of work are underway, construction of the Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) and installation of the ground water extraction bores. The SWTP is planned to be in operation by August this year, it will be the first of two water treatment plants installed to remediate contaminated water on the site. Installation of the ground water extraction bores will be completed this dry season, and the water extracted will be passed through the Ground Water Treatment Plant once it is constructed in 2026. These are key activities to start the remediation of the site and to improve the water quality within the East Branch Finniss River.

Our Community Engagement team have been busy this quarter facilitating meetings of the Rum Jungle Cultural Oversight Group and the Rum Jungle Technical Working Group. Several cultural inductions have also been carried out, helping to ensure that all Project workers are aware of the cultural significance of this site and the measures that are in place to protect cultural heritage. One such measure is the installation of conservation zones to protect archaeological features. Several archaeological surveys have been completed across the site to ensure these conservation zones are effective. The team facilitated three Kungarakana and Warai Project information sessions which focussed on future employment and training opportunities associated with the Project. These are crucially important activities, and I wish to thank all participants for their time and their valuable contributions.

The Department of Logistics and Infrastructure are continuing to work with our road construction contractors to completed works on the Poett Road/Litchfield Park Road intersection and the Batchelor Road/Litchfield Park Road intersection upgrades, which are scheduled for completion by the end of August.

In June, McMahon Australia (NT) Pty Ltd was awarded the contract for civil works and site remediation services. Their work on site will commence in August. We are close to finalising the remaining water treatment contracts.

We will continue to update the community via this Report and the bi-monthly newsletter. As always, if you have any feedback on this report or would like further information, please address all correspondence to the team at rumjungleproject@nt.gov.au or call us on (08) 8999 6528.

Kind regards



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Project Milestones

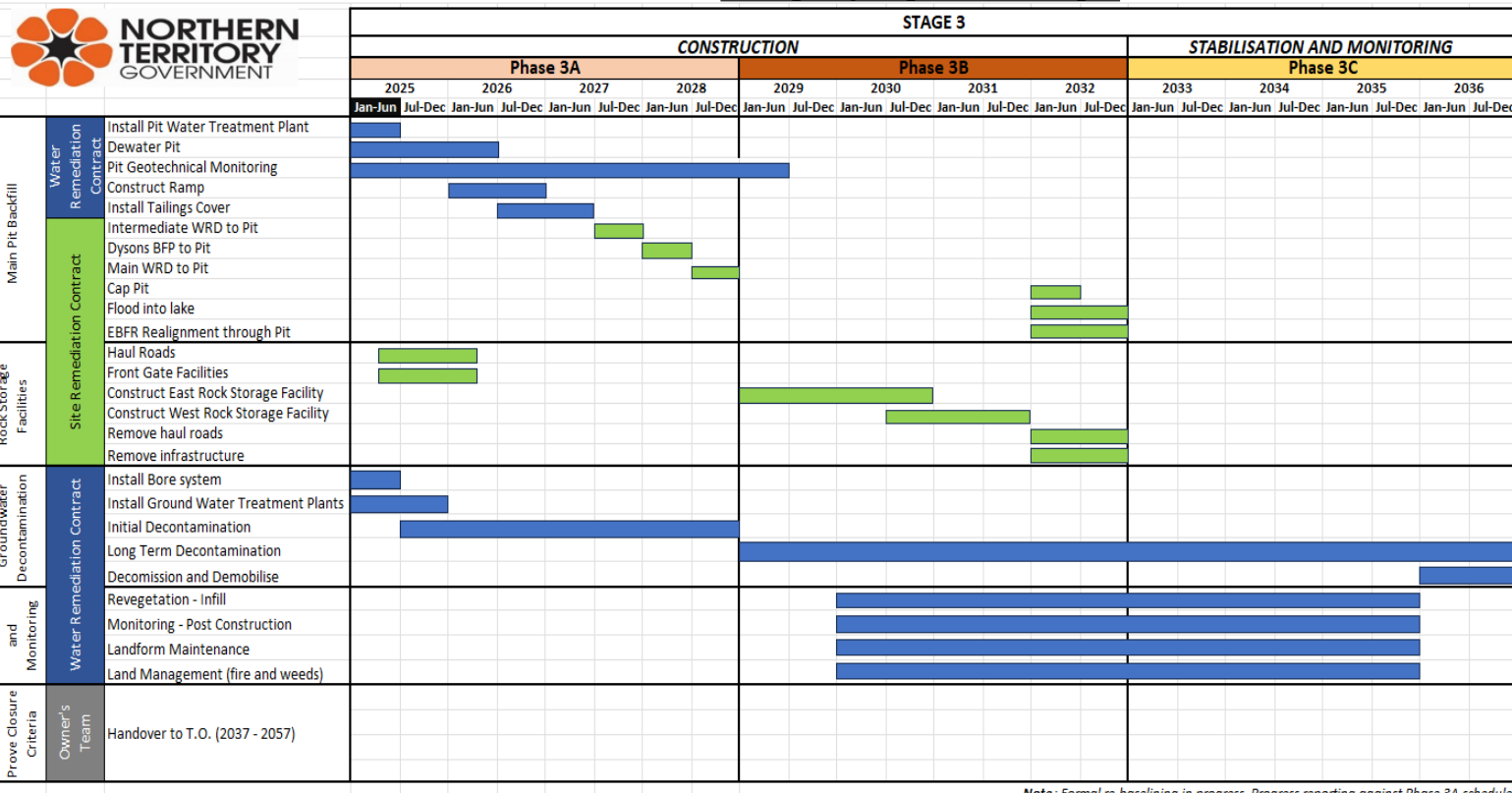
A Federation Funding Agreement (FFA) for the rehabilitation of the former Rum Jungle Mine site was executed on 31 January 2022. The FFA underpins the funding arrangements and schedule for delivery for Stage 3 of the Project, specifying 34 performance milestones. The first ten milestones have been completed and the Project team is now focussed on activities relating to the milestones in the table below:

Milestone	Due Date	Status
#11 Commonwealth acceptance of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a Quarterly Milestone Report (as detailed at Attachment 2) for the period 1 May 2025 to 14 September 2025; and Monthly Project Status Reports to the Commonwealth (detailed at Attachment 3). <p>Completion – to an acceptable standard in accordance with the Project Management Plan – of activities being claimed in the Quarterly Milestone Report</p> <p><i>Note: milestone 11 relates to the successful execution of major works contracts.</i></p>	15 Sep 25	In progress

Stage 3 Indicative Timeline and Schedule

The delivery of the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project has been scheduled in stages. The timeline below provides an indication of the high-level schedule of the Stage 3 activities. The schedule is indicative only and as the project progresses, there may be changes to schedule.

Rum Jungle Project High Level Overall Program



Note: Formal re-baselining in progress. Progress reporting against Phase 3A schedule

Key Stage 3 Activities

Procurement

Key procurement activities this quarter included:

Intersection Upgrades

Works are now well underway on the second intersection upgrade at Batchelor Rd and Litchfield Park Rd, which is approximately 70% complete. With only the surface seal outstanding on the Litchfield Park Rd and Poett Rd intersection and with the recent progress of the Batchelor Rd and Litchfield Park Rd progressing as planned. It is expected that both intersections will be completed by the end of August. These upgrades will ensure improved traffic flow, safety, and reduce congestion during the transport of borrow material for the major works.

Water Remediation and Pit Backfill Services (ECI 2)

Works under the Water Remediation and Pit Backfill Services package commenced in May. Activities to date include:

- Installation of Surface Water Treatment Plant
 - Includes plant, facilities equipment and materials
- Drilling of Bores



Levelling of ground for water treatment plant



Initial formation works in preparation for concrete foundation of the surface water treatment plant



Final formation works in preparation for concrete foundation of the surface water treatment plant



Bore assembly in preparation for drilling on site



Bore set up to commence drilling on site.

Site Remediation Tender Assessment

Evaluation of the site remediation tender submissions are finalised. The site remediation contract was awarded to McMahon Australia (NT) Pty Ltd, on 17 June 2025. Initial kick off meeting and planning workshops have been held post award in June 2025 in anticipation for works commencing according to the construction schedule estimated mid-August 2025.

Further information on The Project's procurement activities can be found at: [Quotations and Tenders Online | Current Tenders & Quotes](#)

Rehabilitation Update

Revegetation Works

This quarter the Land Management Team has planted another 100-tube stock plants, and continue to work on relocating cycads to prevent damage to this protected species during rehabilitation activities. The Team is now working to identify and prepare new areas of the site for revegetation.



Cycad relocation



Tube Stock – awaiting planting



Pegging of next Revegetation section

Weed Management

The Rum Jungle Land Management Team and weed management contractors continue to undertake light vehicle weed management activities, with a focus on targeting gamba grass before it seeds across various areas of both the Rum Jungle and Coomalie Council Borrow sites.



Weed spraying – light vehicle



Weed spraying – backpack

Site Maintenance and Preparation

General Site Maintenance

This quarter, the Land Management Team continued to undertake general site activities, including erection of new signage to ensure clear demarcation of cultural heritage conservation zones, maintenance perimeter fences, and routine checks of site monitoring bores. The team undertook and completed their first burn on site in June, and they are now planning additional burns for the remainder of the season.



Land Management Team – planning meeting prior to conducting the first burn of the season



Land Management Team –conducting the first burn of the season

The team recently participated in water monitoring training and undertook a comprehensive audit of all water quality monitoring stations. As a result of this, new surface water quality monitoring equipment has been installed, ensuring accurate water quality monitoring can be conducted throughout the rehabilitation Project. Both the existing and new water monitoring equipment, some of which was previously managed by NT Water Resources, will now be managed and maintained by the Rum Jungle Project Team.



Servicing and maintenance work on land management equipment



Collecting water samples as part of the water monitoring program



Recording of water monitoring results

Engagement

It has been a busy quarter with the Rum Jungle Project team conducting a series of Kungarakan and Warai project information sessions, sharing with the broader community the various employment and training opportunities that will be available in relation to the Project. The Team also facilitated numerous Rum Jungle Cultural Oversight Group and Technical Working Group meetings. These meetings provide an avenue to share Project information with Traditional Owners, and for Traditional Owners to share feedback and advice. The Project Team considers all advice provided as part of this engagement process, and where possible, modifies Project activities accordingly. It must be noted, however, that it is not possible to make significant material changes to the approved rehabilitation plan and that not all Traditional Owners are satisfied with the current plan. The Project Team continues to work openly and transparently with these important engagement Groups to navigate these sensitive issues.

Workforce and Business Development Activities

Performance against Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) relating to Aboriginal employment and business development is shown in the table below. The Project is performing above target in the Aboriginal and Traditional Owner employment KPIs. Aboriginal Business Expenditure for the quarter was below target but there remains room for increased expenditure over the life of the project as civil construction and other operational activities commence.

KPI Description		Quarterly Target	Quarterly Actual Result
1	Employment Full Time Equivalent Aboriginal Employees	25%	35.5%
2	Employment Full Time Equivalent Warai and Kungarakana Employees (<i>inclusive of KPI 1</i>)	20%	25.7%
3	Aboriginal Business Expenditure (% of operating costs)	5%	3.4%

Business Support Activities

Our Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project Business Development Officer continues to provide a range of support services to Warai and Kungarakana businesses and Coomalie regional businesses. Support includes mentoring and tailored assistance. To date, this support has resulted in over \$1.8 million of grant funding contributing directly to Traditional Owner Aboriginal Business Enterprises. Our aim is to prepare businesses for participation in the Rum Jungle project, as well as other available opportunities across the Territory.

Details	No. Businesses Supported	Grant Funding Support Offered	Amount Funded (\$)
Business Concept / Development Support (TO Businesses)	3	NTAIC/ABA Executed	\$1,744,000
Business Start Up/ Growth Support (TO Businesses)	1	Aboriginal Investment Current Applications (Lodged)	\$98,653
Business Start Up/ Growth Support (TO Businesses)	1	Aboriginal Investment Pending Applications	\$100,000
Business Start Up/ Growth Support (TO Businesses)	3	Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) Pending Applications	\$7,000,000
Business Growth Support (TO Businesses)	5	NTG Executed	\$152,810
Business Growth Support (TO Businesses)	0	NTG Pending	0
Business Start Up/Growth Support (Local ABE's)	1	Aboriginal Investment Executed	\$432,000
Business Start Up/Growth Support (Local Aboriginal Businesses)	0	Aboriginal Investment Current Applications (lodged)	0
	3	Other Executed	\$16,000

What's Happening Next Quarter

The July to September quarter of 2025 will continue to be busy, with the following key activities coming up:

Procurement and Site Works

Procurement

- RJP-0058 – Cleaning services for Batchelor Office and Kirra Crescent House
- RJP-0056 – Provision of Water Remediation and Pit Backfill Services
- RJP-0062 – Operation and Maintenance

Site Works

- T23-1908 – Litchfield Park Road/Rum Jungle Road and Litchfield Park Road/Poett Road
- RJP-0051 – Supply, delivery and construction of Bores on the former Rum Jungle Mine site
- RJP-0055 – Supply, delivery and construction of Main Pit Water Treatment Plant on the former Rum Jungle Mine site
- RJP-0038 – Provision of Mined Land Revegetation Planning, Technical Advice, Training and Field Program Supervision for the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project
- RJP-0057 – Provision of Weed Management Services at the former Rum Jungle Mine site for a period of 36 months
- RJP-0059 – Provision of Services to Facilitate Working Group Meetings for a period of 12 months
- RJP-0060 – Provision of Archaeological Surveys and Report Writing for a period of 12 months
- 25-0496 – Supply and Delivery of Weed Spray Unit
- 25-0485 – Supply, Delivery and Installation of Water Quality Monitoring Instruments
- RJP-S02 – Rum Jungle Rehabilitation – Provision of Civil Works and Site Remediation Services

Land Management

The Land Management Team will be carrying out the following activities across the third quarter of 2025:

- Weed management will continue with visual inspections of all areas and periodical execution of spraying.
- Maintenance and care of 2024/25 revegetation areas.
 - Fence Maintenance
 - Weed Management
 - Watering of recently planted tube stock and sprouting seedlings
- Site maintenance:
 - Maintain and repair existing fences
 - Targeted burn off (dependant on weather)
- Seed collection of targeted seeds, training on processing, storage and management of collected seeds
- Revegetation including:
 - tube stock and direct seeding to be planted on site