

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.*

Executive Project Director's Overview

Welcome to the Quarterly Stakeholder Report for the period January to March 2026. It has been a challenging quarter with higher-than-average rainfall, however site construction and management activities progressed relatively well. Despite the wet weather, the Surface Water Treatment Plant continued to treat and release water from the Main Pit, and the sub-grade works for the Ground Water Treatment Plant progressed, with foundation works scheduled in April. Construction of the Ground Water Treatment Plant is expected to be completed in September this year. Site facilities, including crib rooms, ablution blocks, a laundry and a workshop have been installed and are operational. I am pleased to report that there were no injuries to workers or environmental incidents recorded this past quarter.

The Community Engagement team has maintained a strong focus on stakeholder engagement, facilitating meetings of both the Rum Jungle Cultural Oversight Group (COG) and the Rum Jungle Technical Working Group (TWG). The groups have been discussing the technical and cultural elements related to work that is planned to be undertaken on the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust land (FRALT), in accordance with the Project's section 19 agreement. As part of this, in February, cultural monitors attended the FRALT to oversee clearing activities for the front gate office facility area. This represents a significant achievement for the Cultural Oversight Group and the Project team in progressing work on the FRALT.

In January the leadership team in the Department of Mining and Energy was restructured slightly and as a result, Scott Robertson has replaced Anne Tan as the new NT Senior Responsible Officer for the Project. Scott has an engineering background and previously worked on the Ranger Uranium Mine rehabilitation project. The Chief Executive of the Department, Alistar Trier, visited the site in January despite the challenging weather conditions and met with McMahon's senior leadership team to receive an update of the Project and progress to date.

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



Joshua Curran

**Executive Director Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project
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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 thirty-four performance milestones. The first thirteen milestones have been completed, and the Project team is now focused on activities relating to the milestones in the table below:

Milestone		Due Date	Status
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Pit dewatered to reduced level 56m (20% complete) Main Pit dewatered to reduced level 50m (40% complete) 	15 March 2026	Complete
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Overheads Payment 5 Haul Roads Constructed (A1, A2, A3, A4 and A5) Main Pit Wall Monitoring Quarterly Payment 1 Main Pit Wall Monitoring Quarterly Payment 2 Main Pit Wall Monitoring Quarterly Payment 3 Main Pit Diversion Plug Installed 	1 May 2026	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 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

		STAGE 3																							
		CONSTRUCTION												STABILISATION AND MONITORING											
		Phase 3A						Phase 3B						Phase 3C											
		2025		2026		2027		2028		2029		2030		2031		2032		2033		2034		2035		2036	
Jan-Jun		Jul-Dec		Jan-Jun		Jul-Dec		Jan-Jun		Jul-Dec		Jan-Jun		Jul-Dec		Jan-Jun		Jul-Dec		Jan-Jun		Jul-Dec			
Main Pit Backfill	Water Remediation Contract	Install Pit Water Treatment Plant	■																						
		Dewater Pit	■																						
		Pit Geotechnical Monitoring	■																						
		Construct Ramp			■																				
		Install Tailings Cover			■																				
	Site Remediation Contract	Intermediate WRD to Pit					■																		
		Dysons BFP to Pit							■																
		Main WRD to Pit									■														
		Cap Pit													■										
		Flood into lake															■								
Rock Storage Facilities	Site Remediation Contract	EBFR Realignment through Pit															■								
		Haul Roads	■																						
		Front Gate Facilities	■																						
		Construct East Rock Storage Facility									■														
		Construct West Rock Storage Facility											■												
		Remove haul roads													■										
Groundwater Decontamination	Water Remediation Contract	Remove infrastructure													■										
		Install Bore system	■																						
		Install Ground Water Treatment Plants	■																						
		Initial Decontamination			■																				
		Long Term Decontamination							■																
Stabilisation and Monitoring	Water Remediation Contract	Decomission and Demobilise																					■		
		Revegetation - Infill									■														
		Monitoring - Post Construction									■														
		Landform Maintenance									■														
Monitor and Prove Closure Criteria	Owner's Team	Handover to T.O. (2037 - 2057)																							

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

Key Stage 3 Activities

Water Remediation

During the period the Surface Water Treatment Plant continued to reduce the water level in the Main Pit, despite the higher than average rainfall experienced over the wet season. Water discharged from the Plant continues to meet the strict water quality limits required under the Project's Waste Discharge Licence. The final piece of construction work on the Plant was completed, with the installation of a clarifier to manage the waste stream from the plant.

While the construction of the Groundwater Treatment Plant progressed, foundation preparation activities were impacted by the rainfall. Construction and commissioning are now expected to be complete in September of this year.



Treated water being discharged to the East Branch Finnis River



Surface Water Treatment Plant clarifier

Bulk Earthworks

Construction of haul roads on the site continued, extending the network past the Main Pit and towards Dysons (Backfilled) Pit. Site facilities, including crib-rooms and vehicle servicing infrastructure to support future bulk earthworks activities, were also substantially completed. Throughout construction, and given the extreme rainfall in the region, a significant effort was placed on management of erosion and sediment transport to minimise environmental impacts. The water management and control systems installed across the site performed well and there were no reportable environmental events.

Bulk earthworks activities planned for the coming months will include haul road construction, and the development of the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust and Coomalie borrow pits to provide sand, gravel and other fill material required for construction works.



Haul road construction north of the Main Pit



Internal site facilities

Front Gate Office Facilities

A key milestone was achieved in early March, with clearing activities undertaken at the permanent office location on the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust section 19 area at the entrance of the site, with cultural monitors present throughout the clearing and grubbing works to oversee and provide cultural heritage guidance.



Clearing of front gate office facilities area

Site Maintenance Activities

Revegetation and Environmental Monitoring Works

During the quarter, planning and coordination activities continued to support the long-term success of revegetation across the site. Development of a three-year revegetation plan progressed in collaboration with Top End Seeds, with a focus on appropriate species selection, seed sourcing strategies, and alignment with seasonal planting windows. Consideration was also given to the management of environmental weed risks, particularly those associated with materials sourced from borrow areas. This plan will be discussed in more detail with the Rum Jungle Technical Working Group and Cultural Oversight Group, ensuring that the advice of Traditional Owners is appropriately incorporated.

The Project also finalised the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan, which consolidates all environmental monitoring requirements for the current phase of works. This plan establishes a coordinated framework to monitor landform stability, site conditions and the establishment and performance of vegetation over time.

Weed Management and General Site Maintenance

Aerial weed spraying of the Coomalie borrow area was completed in early January, prior to extreme rainfall later in the quarter that slowed spraying activities across the Rum Jungle site. Weed management efforts have since shifted to dry season control, focusing on regrowth.

The Land Management Team's routine operational activities slowed over the quarter due to the excessive rainfall, with the team participating in water monitoring and sampling, weekly boundary fence inspections, equipment maintenance and servicing.

Engagement

During the month of February, the project team facilitated the Rum Jungle Technical and Working Group and Cultural Oversight Group meetings. These meetings provide opportunities for open dialogue between project staff and Traditional Owners, supporting information sharing, collaborative discussion of project activities, technical matters, and cultural heritage matters.

In addition to these forums, cultural induction sessions were delivered in January, February and March. These monthly sessions were led by Kungarakan and Warai Traditional Owners providing project staff and contractors with firsthand knowledge of the cultural, historical and spiritual significance of the Rum Jungle Site and surrounding areas. The sessions are designed to promote

cultural understanding, awareness and respect, across the workforce. The presenters highlighted cultural protocols, and appropriate behaviour when working on country.

Workforce and Business Development Activities

The Project continued to perform well against the Aboriginal employment KPI, with results exceeding the target for the quarter through effective ongoing recruitment strategies, workforce retention, and established partnerships. Targeted training and capacity-building initiatives are currently being pursued to align with the Project's workforce requirements. As the civil construction activities ramp up, Aboriginal business expenditure is anticipated to increase.

Performance against Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) relating to Aboriginal employment and business development is shown in the table below, which includes figures for the Project Team and contractors.

	KPI Description	Quarterly Target	Quarterly Result (Average)
1	Employment Full Time Equivalent Aboriginal Employees	25%	31%
2	Aboriginal Business Expenditure (% of operating costs)	5%	9.6%

Project Ready Training Program (PRTTP) - 2026 Training Opportunities

The Project Team, in partnership with the Batchelor Institute for Indigenous Tertiary Education (BIITE), is currently negotiating the delivery of a 2026 training schedule for the Project Ready Training Program (PRTTP) to maximise Aboriginal participation.

Training opportunities will be promoted through the Rum Jungle Project and Coomalie Community Government Council newsletters and notice boards, various meetings, and the quarterly report. These courses are expected to be delivered throughout the second half of 2026.

All courses will be offered free of charge, with the Rum Jungle Project team providing wrap around support to Aboriginal participants for the duration of each course. Places are limited, so anyone seeking further information, interested in enrolling, or wishing to nominate a family member is encouraged to contact the Project Team at rumjungleproject@nt.gov.au.

2026 Traineeships

The Project Team are also working closely with the BIITE to progress planning for the next round of traineeships, with negotiations for a proposed Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management traineeship scheduled to commence in July 2026. This qualification will enable participants to gain certification, meaningful skills and hands on experience in land management activities.

Business Support Activities

Our Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project Business Development Officer continues to provide a range of support services to Aboriginal Business Enterprises, including business owned and operated by Warai and Kungarakana Traditional Owners. Support includes mentoring and tailored assistance. To date, this support has resulted in grant applications being submitted to the value of \$4.2 million, and over \$2.4 million of grant funding being awarded directly to Aboriginal Business Enterprises. Our aim is to prepare businesses for participation in the Rum Jungle Project, as well as other opportunities across the Territory.

What's Happening Next Quarter

The April to June quarter of 2026 will continue to be busy, with the following key activities coming

PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS

Procurement Underway

- RJP-0062 – Operation and Maintenance (of the Groundwater Treatment Plant)
- RJP-0065 – Regional Economic Development Focus Group
- RJP-0066 – Dust Management Plan
- RJP-0067 – Provision of Charter Bus
- RJP-0068 – Provision of accommodation and catering services for BITE Students 2026
- RJP-0075 – Provision of engineering services for the Rum Jungle Rehabilitation Project for a period of 12 Months

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

- Ground Water Treatment Plant Construction
- Haul Road Construction

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Continued Main Pit dewatering via Surface Water Treatment Plant
- Weed management will continue with visual inspections of all areas and periodical execution of spraying.
- Repair and maintenance of existing fencing.
- Targeted burns at the Rum Jungle Project site and Project borrow areas.
- Seed collection and management training for the 2026 revegetation plan.
- Revegetation of selected areas fencing and weed management.
- Ground and surface water monitoring and sampling on certain interval.
- Engagement of environmental consultants EcOz to undertake:
 - Revegetation monitoring of areas previously seeded and planted over recent years
 - Surveys to assess vegetation health, ground cover, and species diversity

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- Rum Jungle Technical Working Group meeting
- Cultural Oversight Group Meetings
- Cultural Inductions
- Project update sessions to be held in Batchelor, Adelaide River and Palmerston