

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.

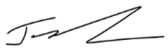
Executive Project Director's Overview

Welcome to the Quarterly Stakeholder Report for the period April to June 2026. It has been a quarter with much progress made on the Project supported by consistently dry weather over the past few months. The Surface Water Treatment Plant continued to treat and release water from the Main Pit with over half of the dewatering now complete. The supporting works that will set the site up for the main rehabilitation works are in full swing including the haul road network that will connect the waste rock dumps to the Main Pit, and also the Ground Water Treatment Plant that is currently under construction, expected to be completed in October. The new front gate office facilities are now installed and are in use. 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 (FRALT) land, in accordance with the Project's section 19 agreement. As part of this, cultural monitors attended the FRALT to oversee clearing activities for the haul road that will connect the main site to the FRALT s19 Borow area. This represents a significant achievement for the Cultural Oversight Group and the Project team in progressing work on the FRALT.

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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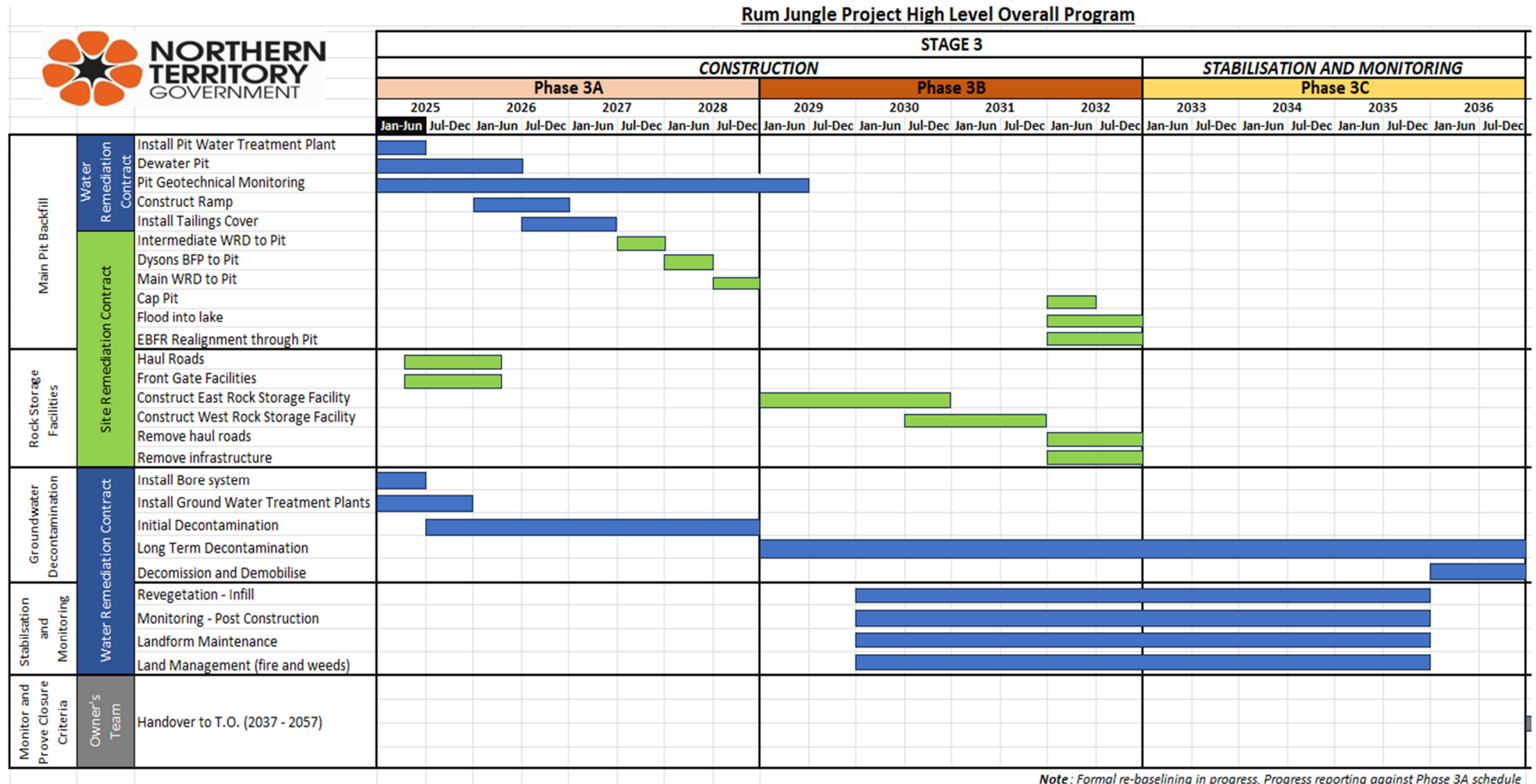
Project Milestones

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 14 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
14	- 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 Diversion Plug Installed	1 May 2026	Complete
15	- GWTP Construction Milestone (Civil works – Ponds and dams) - GWTP Construction Milestone (Civil Works - Sludge cell) - GWTP Construction Milestone (Civil Works completed) - Surface-water collection system (SCS) installed (100% complete) - Main Pit dewatered to Reduced Level 42m (60%) - Major Earthworks Contractor Demobilised (3A-1) - Main Pit Dewatered to Reduced Level 33m (80% complete) - Project Overheads Payment 6 - Inherent Risk - Main Pit Wall Monitoring Quarterly Payment 3 - Main Pit Wall monitoring Quarterly Payment 4 - Haul Roads Constructed (A6, A7, A8, A9 and A10)	15 Sep 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.



Key Stage 3 Activities

Water Remediation

Work on the Groundwater Treatment Plant (GWTP) continues to make good progress. Major concrete and civil works have been completed, including the foundations for key treatment plant infrastructure, reactor tanks, feed and discharge ponds, and supporting facilities. Construction of the treatment plant shed is now well advanced, and installation of the clarifier and electrical systems is ongoing.

The Surface Water Treatment Plant (SWTP) remained operational throughout the quarter, supporting the ongoing dewatering of the Main Pit. Water quality monitoring, pit wall stability assessments, and site inspections continued as planned to ensure dewatering activities were undertaken safely and in accordance with environmental licence requirements. All treated water discharged from the SWTP was regularly sampled and tested prior to release to the East Branch of the Finnis River.

Dewatering activities continued to achieve positive outcomes during the reporting period. Between April and June 2026, the Main Pit water level decreased by more than 5.6 metres, with an average discharge rate of approximately 80 to 87 litres per second. Since the commencement of the project, the Main Pit water level has reduced by approximately 21 metres.

The water remediation program has now resulted in the safe treatment and discharge of more than 2.1 million cubic metres of water. These activities represent a significant milestone in the ongoing rehabilitation of the site and contribute to improving long-term environmental outcomes for the surrounding area. These works are also an important step in improving water quality and supporting the long-term rehabilitation of the site. Monitoring and construction activities will continue to ensure the treatment system is ready to operate safely and effectively for the benefit of the community and environment.



Surface Water Treatment Plant and Main Pit.

The large crane was present to help service the feed pumps to the plant that float on the top of the water in Main Pit.



Groundwater treatment plant foundations



Groundwater treatment plant construction

Bulk Earthworks

Work on the project continued to progress as drier weather allowed construction activities to move ahead. Earthworks and drainage works were carried out along the haul road, with approximately 3,820 m of the haul road constructed to the end of June. Key drainage structures were also installed, bringing the project closer to completing the haul roads and providing access to the waste rock stockpiles.

Ahead of the next wet season the new haul roads need to be capped with sand and gravel. This material is to be sourced by the Project from Coomalie Community Government Council land located towards the southern end of Poett Road. Sand and gravel extracted from the council land will be loaded onto B double road trains and then hauled by the public road network to the Rum Jungle site. A few road trains per day will operate to provide the quantity of material that the Project needs to complete the site haul road network.



Haul road construction towards Dysons (Backfilled) Pit



Haul road maintenance (dust suppression)

Planning for the backfill of Main Pit continued throughout the quarter, with the project team and contractor working together to explore different options for the backfill. A method known as end tipping, where remote controlled dozers will push waste rock off the crest of the pit has been selected.

Front Gate Office Facilities

During the reporting period, the front gate office facilities were completed and handed over, providing a safe, accessible and fit-for-purpose workspace for up to 20 personnel. The facility includes meeting rooms, a first aid room, flexible lunchroom spaces, accessible amenities and a dedicated Northern Territory Government (NTG) office. A security fence has also been installed around the office complex to assist and support site safety and control access. These facilities increase the project's ability to support its growing workforce, improves coordination and collaboration between project stakeholders, and provides a comfortable and respectful working environment for staff, contractors and visitors.



New front office facilities

Site Maintenance Activities

Revegetation and Environmental Monitoring Works

During the quarter, environmental management activities focused on weed control, environmental monitoring, and rehabilitation planning to support the long-term success of site rehabilitation. Targeted Gamba Grass control was undertaken ahead of the annual seeding period (May), including treatment of mandatory buffer zones along site boundaries, roads and infrastructure. Implementation and updating of a weed management operational plan continued, providing for a risk-based prioritisation of weed management activities and protecting rehabilitation areas from re-infestation. Routine surface water and groundwater monitoring, including sampling, instrumentation maintenance and data collection, was also completed in accordance with project approvals and environmental monitoring requirements. In addition, EcOz commenced annual monitoring of revegetation trial areas, with preliminary results indicating generally positive seedling recruitment and species diversity across most rehabilitation trial areas.

The 2025 Annual Environmental Compliance Audit confirmed that key environmental management measures are being effectively implemented, with no new environmental risks identified and environmental monitoring being delivered in accordance with the Integrated Environmental Monitoring Plan. The Annual Environmental Monitoring Report was finalised and submitted to the Independent Environmental Auditor; this included a downstream water quality assessment which indicated stable downstream water quality conditions and no measurable impacts associated with licensed discharges from the Surface Water Treatment Plant. A site inspection by the Independent Environmental Auditor was also completed in June to verify monitoring outcomes and assess compliance with environmental approval requirements. Findings from ongoing monitoring and audit activities will be used to inform future environmental management and revegetation works across the site.

Weed Management and General Site Maintenance

The Land Management Team conducted planned burns in the Section 19 (s19), Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust (FRALT), A9 Haul Road alignment area with the assistance of the Batchelor Adelaide River, Tortilla Flats (BART) team.

Weekly site inspections and boundary checks also continued throughout the quarter. Other land management activities included clear fallen trees to maintain access and firebreaks along the western boundary, vine thicket, and tube stock areas with support from MSA. Following the clearing of the existing firebreak, the team progressed the installation of fencing around the vine area, helping to ensure the ongoing protection of this environmentally and culturally significant habitat.

In addition to this the Land Management Team marked, pegged, and flagged several work area footprints, helping to prevent any unintended access to sensitive areas and supporting the protection of culturally significant features..



Land Management Team members
pegging and flagging the A9 haul road
alignment



Team member Surface water sampling and
testing

Engagement

Engagement with Kungarakan and Warai Traditional Owners and key stakeholders continued across the second quarter as project activities ramped up. The Project team facilitated Rum Jungle Technical Working Group and Cultural Oversight Group meetings, completed an archaeological survey along the s19 haul road alignment within the FRALT, and supported three days of cultural monitoring activities to guide planned works in accordance with cultural heritage requirements.

Additional cultural induction sessions, led by Traditional Owners, were delivered to the growing project workforce, reinforcing cultural awareness and respectful practices for working on Country. Continued involvement of Kungarakan and Warai Traditional Owners during these activities ensures cultural knowledge and values remain an integral part of the project planning and delivery.

Workforce and Business Development Activities

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	KPI Description	Quarterly Target	Quarterly Result (Average)
1	Employment Full Time Equivalent Aboriginal Employees	25%	29%
2	Aboriginal Business Expenditure (% of operating costs)	5%	11.1%

2026 Traineeships

The Project Team worked closely with the Batchelor Institute for Indigenous Tertiary Education 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 businesses owned and operated by Warai and Kungarakana Traditional Owners. Support includes mentoring and tailored assistance. To date, this support has resulted in submission of grant applications to the value of over \$9 million and, the award of grants to the value of over \$4.1 million. 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 July to September 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 24 Months

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

Commencement of:

- Excavation activities in the borrow areas

Continuation of:

- Ground Water Treatment Plant Construction
- Haul Road Construction

OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 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 and fire breaks.
- 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
- Completion of Vine Thicket Fence, start Southern Boundary Fence