



Construction Services

Overview

In 2006 IBA established construction, design and project management services capability, which has assisted the Australian Government in addressing critical Indigenous accommodation and housing deficiencies, particularly in remote areas.

IBA's construction current emphasis is to explore:

- affordable housing solutions for remote areas,
- increased Indigenous participation in the construction industry, including investment in commercial activity, training and employment.

Key construction services include:

- construction project and contract management
- comprehensive design services, and
- quantity surveying.

Achievements for 2008-09

Project	IBA's role	Outcome
HOIL display homes, Nguiu, Bathurst Island, Northern Territory.	Develop design and procure construction services	Cost effective designs completed, drawing on the National Indigenous Housing Guide and in consultation with the community. Homes will be constructed and on-sold to eligible HOIL Program clients in 2009-10.
Business precinct, Aurukun, Queensland - Cape York Welfare Reform Trial .	Assist with community consultation, design development and tender documentation	Final sketch plans for the refurbishment of an existing building into a proposed Business centre were provided.
Children's Services Centre and Safe House, Wadeye, Northern Territory	Manage design and construction work	Designs developed in consultation with community and relevant government agencies.
Docker River Women's Centre, Northern Territory	Manage construction contract	Refurbishment of demountables to create a women's centre in Docker River.
Houses for youth workers in Docker River, Imanpa and Finke, Northern Territory	Manage construction contract	Permanent housing completed for Commonwealth funded youth workers in the identified communities
Recreation hall, Finke, Northern Territory	Manage construction contract	Two existing recreation halls refurbished and a new recreation hall designed and constructed.
Government staff accommodation	Manage Construction contract	Delivery of staff housing to 60 remote communities for the NTER was completed. This activity provided traineeships for 8 Indigenous Australians in Alice Springs.
Houses (20) at Wadapulli and Nama, Northern Territory	Manage construction contract	Completed 20 homes, involving 2000 hours of local community employment .



Houses (13) at Nguiu, Bathurst Island, Northern Territory	Construct houses	Largely completed all 13 homes, using local indigenous building capacity on 8 of them.
DRIIVE - Major infrastructure and housing	Formed a consortium with industry experts to seek major contracts to maximise Indigenous involvement.	Consortium formed and consultations with governments and Indigenous groups around potential projects was commenced.

Outlook

In 2009-10 IBA aims to:

- deliver affordable housing for the Home Ownership on Indigenous Land Program, and
- deliver construction projects with a focus on Indigenous capacity development including training and employment opportunities,
- work in collaboration with industry partners to increase Indigenous participation in major construction activity, and
- use its construction experience and expertise to support its Indigenous economic development initiatives.

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