



Next Steps on Closing The Gap: Delivering Remote Jobs

Description

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A new Remote Jobs and Economic Development Program (RJED) set up by the Albanese Government will help close the gap in employment outcomes by creating 3,000 jobs in remote Australia. The Program replaces the Community Development Program (CDP), and will be implemented in partnership with First Nations people, build skills and experience, and deliver important community services.

This \$707 million investment and other initiatives in partnership with First Nations people are part of the 2023 Closing the Gap Annual Report and the 2024 Implementation Plan.

- **Other key initiatives announced include:**
 - Establishing a National Commissioner for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children and Young People to help achieve progress under the Closing the Gap agreement.
 - \$30.2 million for Remote Training Hubs in up to seven remote locations in Central Australia.
 - \$10.7 million to continue funding for the Justice Policy Partnership, working to reduce incarceration rates.
 - Community Wi-Fi services for around 20 remote communities so people can access government services, education and stay connected, with funding arrangements to be settled through commercial negotiations with NBN Co.
 - \$24 million to expand the Junior Rangers program to 50 sites to boost engagement and attendance rates of First Nations students.
- **“These free Wi-Fi services in remote First Nations communities will support communities to get online and experience the transformational benefits of broadband.” – Minister for Communications Michelle Rowland.**
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