



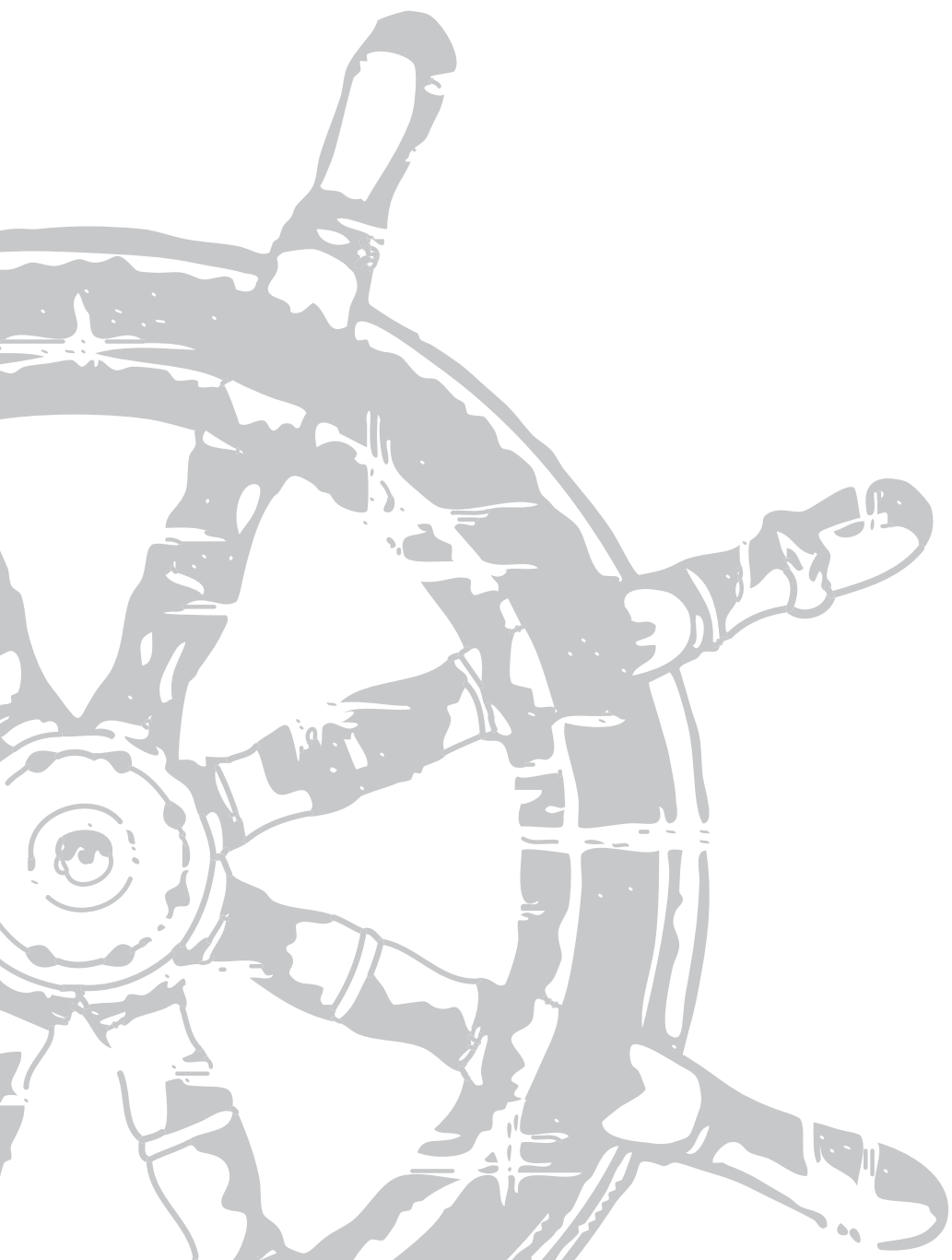
TORRES STRAIT AND NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA

**REGIONAL
PLAN** 2009-2029

NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA COMMUNITY BOOKLET 2012

**Safe Communities Schooling
Economic Participation Health
Early Childhood Healthy Homes
Governance and Leadership**





Cover illustration by Thomas Loban.

The ship's wheel illustration on the front cover represents the role this Booklet plays in guiding **Northern Peninsula Area** towards improvement in each of the **Closing the Gap Building Blocks** and delivering on the **Regional Plan** goals.

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FOREWORD

I am pleased endorse the **Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Regional Plan 2009-2029 Community Booklet.**



On behalf of the Integrated Service Delivery (ISD) project steering committee, I wish to thank the seven Regional Plan Working Groups for their work over the last two years, which has enabled the publishing of ISD Booklets for each community in the Torres Strait and for the Northern Peninsula Area. I also thank the many community members who provided feedback and verified the information to enable the publishing of the Booklet.

This Booklet represents the 2012 'baseline' for your community. This baseline is a vital component of the ISD initiative for the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area and can be used by communities and government agencies working in the region to measure progress, improvement or change in the delivery of services and programs. This information will inform the decision-making and prioritisation processes of communities and government agencies. The sharing of information will contribute towards greater collaboration between agencies as they can see the bigger picture of who else is delivering services in the region.

I hope this Community Booklet will help explain the range of government services available in your community and the region, and show clearly who is responsible for those services. In fact, the Booklet serves as a directory of services. Your community can also use this booklet to monitor the progress of delivering the additional services identified for your community in the *Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Regional Plan 2009-2029*.

I encourage community members to provide formal or informal reports to the Integrated Service Delivery Coordination Unit on changes or updates to the status of projects, programmes and services. Comments can be sent to isdcoordination@tsra.gov.au and will be referred to the appropriate area within the ISD project for action.

It is the goal of ISD that all stakeholders in the region work more efficiently and in a collaborative, constructive, open and transparent manner. This is a major step towards fostering and strengthening a spirit of genuine partnership and shared responsibility.

Let us all work together to achieve our vision of **'empowering our people, in our decision, in our culture for our future'**.

John T. Kris
 Chairperson
 Torres Strait Regional Authority

INTRODUCTION

In 2007 the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) agreed on the need to close the gap in life **outcomes and opportunities between Indigenous and non-Indigenous** Australians.



The National Indigenous Reform Agreement (NIRA) lists a number of targets to end Indigenous disadvantage. To address the targets, the government has made a long-term commitment across seven key areas (known as Building Blocks).

The Building Blocks are:

1. Early Childhood
2. Schooling
3. Health
4. Economic Participation
5. Healthy Homes
6. Safe Communities
7. Governance and Leadership

TORRES STRAIT AND NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA

REGIONAL PLAN 2009-2029

In 2008, the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), the Torres Strait Island Regional Council (TSIRC), the Torres Shire Council (TSC), the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC), and Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander Services (ATSIS) from the Queensland Government Department of Communities, recognised there was a need to create a plan to guide the development of the region, and identified that integrated planning and service delivery would maximise opportunities and resources in the region.

In August and September 2008, teams with representatives from the TSRA, NPARC, TSC, TSIRC and ATSIS spoke to all communities and elected leaders in the region about their needs and aspirations. In 2009, the *Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Regional Plan 2009-2029* (the Regional Plan) was developed.

The Regional Plan:

1. outlines the communities' vision for the region;
2. specifies goals based on the seven COAG Building Blocks and three extra goals specific to the region;
3. outlines how to achieve these goals; and
4. calls for a regional partnership with all levels of government working together to build a strong future for the region.

The TSRA, TSC, TSIRC, NPARC and ATSIS realised that for the Regional Plan to be effective, all government agencies needed to meet and plan to **work more closely together** in the region.

An Integrated Approach

The TSRA, TSC, TSIRC, NPARC and ATSIS realised that for the Regional Plan to be effective, all government agencies needed to meet and plan to work more closely together in the region. This closer working relationship is embodied in the concept of Integrated Service Delivery.

Seven Regional Plan Working Groups were established to:

- identify all current services in the region;
- highlight gaps and duplications of services;
- prioritise community issues that need to be addressed; and
- identify short, medium and long-term goals.

A joint agency project management team was formed to:

- provide administrative support;
- bring all the working group information together for analysis;
- identify issues that cut across all working groups or Building Blocks; and
- develop a framework to support Integrated Service Delivery (ISD) and ensure that government agencies uphold their commitments.

After the information was analysed, all government agencies, as well as elected leaders, agreed to develop a document that would drive ISD. This document is called the Integrated Service Delivery Agreement (ISD Agreement). All actions that government agencies can commit to are listed in this document. The ISD Agreement commits government to complete projects in a set timeframe. These projects deliver against the objectives of the Regional Plan and address/recognise the needs of communities that were expressed in the associated 2008 consultations.

Aim of Integrated Service Delivery

- Address the needs of the communities in the region
- Make sure that all government agencies align projects with the Regional Plan
- Make sure that opportunities and resources are maximised to secure the future of the region
- Provide adequate, appropriate and coordinated service delivery to Torres Strait Island and Northern Peninsula Area communities
- Ensure government agencies talk to each other and work together more efficiently.

Why We Need Integrated Service Delivery

- Government is complex and difficult to understand, and there is too much red tape
- There are many different government agencies working in the region and sometimes there is duplication of services
- There has been a lot of change in the last few years, and a lot of consultation
- Communities feel disengaged
- Government funding must be used in the most effective way possible to deliver efficient outcomes for all communities.

The Purpose of the Community Booklet

- Provide feedback to communities, and clearly outline the issues your community talked about during the consultations in 2008 as well as what has been achieved or is in progress by 2012
- Outline what services government agencies are currently providing to your community
- Support the development and implementation of the ISD Agreement
- Provide a baseline or 'snap shot' of your community in 2012, against which progress and change can be measured in future years.

What You Will Find in This Booklet

This Community Booklet is arranged in seven chapters relating to the seven COAG Building Blocks. The three additional goals from the Regional Plan (Environmental Management; Art, Culture and Heritage; and Native Title) have been included within each of the chapters as they are key enabling activities that impact on one or more of the COAG Building Blocks.

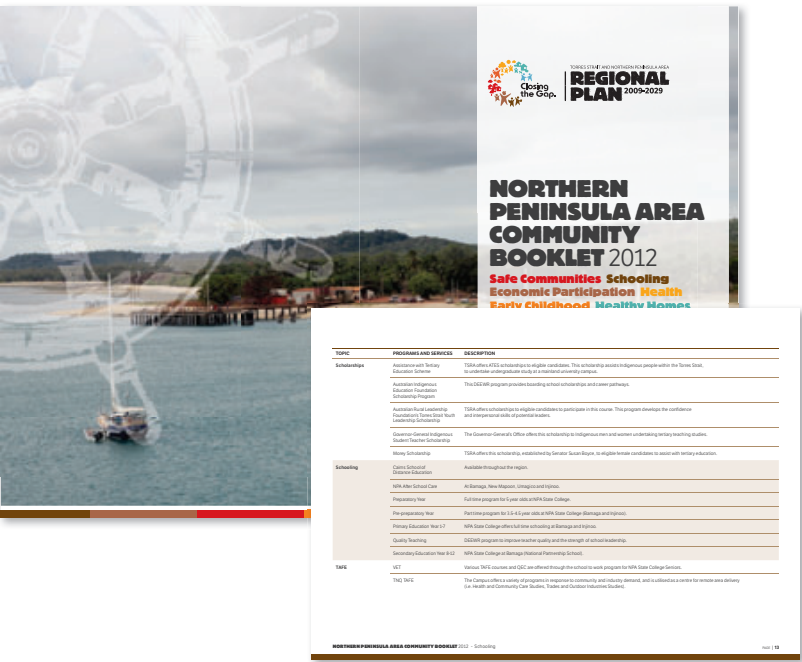
At the beginning of each chapter is a section titled ‘What your community wanted in 2008’. The information listed in this section has come directly from the community consultations undertaken in 2008. What your community wanted has been colour coded Red, Orange and Green.

The pie charts (right) show progress made in delivering the services requested by the community in 2008, using the same colour coding as above. All of the services identified in 2008 were initially coded red. This compares with the second pie chart (2012) and shows what has been achieved in the initial ISD period.

The second section of each chapter is titled ‘What is available in your community and across the Region’. Here you can find a list of programs and services that are currently being delivered, including a description of these services. Many of these programs and services are offered on a region-wide basis and some are state-wide or nation-wide programs and services. In some cases programs are available to your community, but it is necessary that your community approach the relevant government agency to seek access, delivery or support. Others require that individuals submit applications (for example, to apply for scholarships).

Programs and services which contribute directly to more than one of the COAG Building Blocks are listed under each chapter.

At the end of the Booklet is a list of Acronyms to explain the abbreviations used. Where the acronyms stand for government agencies or programs, they are, in many cases, accompanied by contact details (email or phone or website address) to enable you to seek further information. This means the Booklet also plays the role of a ‘Directory’ of programs and services.



NORTHERN PENINSULA AREA POPULATION AND HOUSING

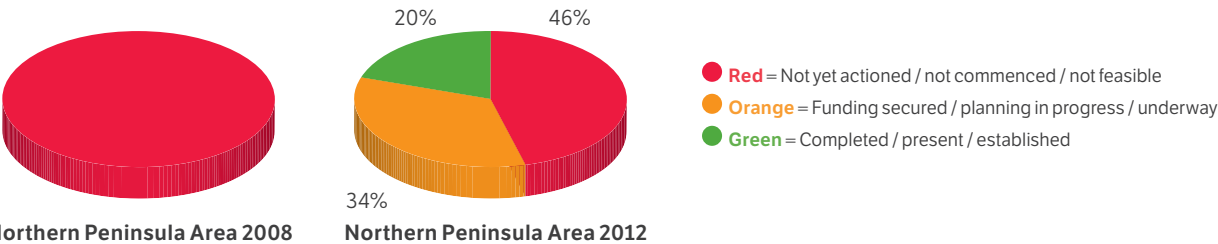
Total population: 1,942 (Census 2006)

Total occupied dwellings: 485 (Census 2006)

UPDATING YOUR BOOKLET

It is planned to review and update your Booklet as part of Integrated Service Delivery planning and implementation processes to be established. Note that when your Booklet is revisited in future years, issues will be reviewed to determine their status (they may have moved from red to orange or green). New issues may be added, and some may be removed. When issues are removed it could be that they have been addressed, or is not possible to deliver services on the ground in your community.

Northern Peninsula Area Service Request Status





Early Childhood

What your community wanted in 2008:

- Establish playgroups for toddlers in every community.

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What is available in your community and across the region:

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Child Development	Child Wellbeing	This NPA Family and Community Services ATSI Corporation program promotes strong families, respects cultural values and supports parents in keeping their children safe from potential abuse.
	Chronic Illness Reduction Education	This NPA Family and Community Services ATSI Corporation program provides nutrition information and healthier cooking methods and recipes for the childcare centres and out of school hours centres.
	iSmile	This NPARC program focuses on pre-school parental involvement in areas of maths and science.
	Let's Read	This NPARC and DET program promotes reading with children 0–5 years old.
	Parenting Education Officer	The NPA Family and Community Services ATSI Corporation delivers workshops and events for parents to help increase skills, knowledge and strategies to strengthen their relationship with their children.
	Parents and Learning (PaL)	A DEEWR funded PaCE program which aims to build capacity by supporting parents and family members to engage in their young children's learning outside of school, with a focus on early literacy and numeracy.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Schooling	Ama La Aukia Vacation and After School Care	DEEWR and OECEC support this operation.
	Ama La La Day Care Centre (Bamaga)	DEEWR and OECEC support this operation.
	Injinoo Child Care Centre	DEEWR and OECEC support this operation.
	Injinoo Vacation and After School Care	DEEWR and OECEC support this operation.
	New Mapoon Child Care Centre	DEEWR supports this operation.
	New Mapoon Playgroup	DEEWR supports this operation.
	New Mapoon Vacation and After School Care	DEEWR and OECEC support this operation.
	Preparatory Year	Full time program for 5 year old at NPA State College
	Pre-preparatory Year	Part time program for 3.5-4.5 year olds at NPA State College (Bamaga and Injinoo).
	Umagico Child Care Centre	DEEWR and OECEC support this operation.
	Umagico Vacation and After School Care	DEEWR and OECEC support this operation.

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Schooling

SCHOOLING

What your community wanted in 2008:

- Develop a child/youth strategy that addresses education, culture and social development.
- Upgrade school buildings.
- Develop incentives to encourage experienced teachers to teach in local schools and remain in the area.
- Develop initiatives to encourage children to be more active at school (i.e. achieve academic results, target those who are failing at school).
- Develop an employment strategy for school leavers.
- Upgrade TAFE facilities.
- Develop and fund an education incentive program to target truancy and improve academic performance at schools.
- Improve teacher accommodation.
- Ensure the quality of education at schools is on par with that of the rest of Queensland.
- Develop a hands-on-learning program for academically challenged children.
- Establish a JCU branch on the NPA.
- Ensure local culture is incorporated into the school curriculum.

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Information Hubs	Indigenous Knowledge Centre	NPARC and State Libraries Queensland provide broadband internet access, Skype and free training to the community.
Infrastructure	BER Funding Bamaga	NPA State College (Bamaga): funding of refurbishment to classrooms and tuckshop, new construction of library (Resource Centre), GLA and Science centre.
		NPA State College Senior Campus: refurbishments to upgrade classrooms, and Bamaga science lab.
	BER Funding Injinoo	NPA State College (Injinoo): funding of refurbishment to classrooms, to erect fence around building to exclude dogs and for new construction of library (resource centre).

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Scholarships	Assistance with Tertiary Education Scheme	TSRA offers ATES scholarships to eligible candidates. This scholarship assists Indigenous people within the Torres Strait, to undertake undergraduate study at a mainland university campus.
	Australian Indigenous Education Foundation Scholarship Program	This DEEWR program provides boarding school scholarships and career pathways.
	Torres Strait Youth Leadership Scholarship	TSRA offers scholarships to eligible candidates to participate in a leadership course run by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation. This course develops the confidence and interpersonal skills of potential leaders.
	Governor-General Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship	The Governor-General's Office offers this scholarship to Indigenous men and women undertaking tertiary teaching studies.
	Morey Scholarship	TSRA offers this scholarship, established by Senator Susan Boyce, to eligible female candidates to assist with tertiary education.
Schooling	Cairns School of Distance Education	Available throughout the region.
	NPA After School Care	At Bamaga, New Mapoon, Umagico and Injinoo.
	Preparatory Year	Full time program for 5 year olds at NPA State College.
	Pre-preparatory Year	Part time program for 3.5-4.5 year olds at NPA State College (Bamaga and Injinoo).
	Primary Education Year 1-7	NPA State College offers full time schooling at Bamaga and Injinoo.
	Quality Teaching	DEEWR program to improve teacher quality and the strength of school leadership.
	Secondary Education Year 8-12	NPA State College at Bamaga (National Partnership School).
TAFE	VET	Various TAFE courses and QEC are offered through the school to work program for NPA State College Seniors.
	TNQ TAFE	The Campus offers a variety of programs in response to community and industry demand, and is utilised as a centre for remote area delivery (i.e. Health and Community Care Studies, Trades and Outdoor Industries Studies).



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Training	NPA Education, Employment and Training	An NII and DET (EQ) project aimed at improving a number of target areas.
	NPA Trade Training Centre	DET (EQ, TAFE) and DEEWR training centre.
School Transition	Indigenous Youth Mobility Program	This DEEWR program helps young Indigenous people move away from home to gain the skills they need to get a job in their community or elsewhere.
	Pathway Coordinator Support Program for School Leavers	DEEWR (IEP) and JSA provide support for recent year 12 graduates.
	Transition to Secondary School (outside the region)	ISSU, DET offers assistance to students transitioning to boarding school.
	Youth Connections	This VPG and NPA College program works with young people aged 14-18, who have left school early, on a case management approach to support to help them to re-connect with education or training. Supported to develop re-engagement plans working NPA College.
Sports and Recreation	Community Sport and Recreation Officers	There are two full-time Sport and Recreation Officers in the NPA, who provide community education, training and participation initiatives.
	No Boundaries Program	This ICC and Cape AFL program aims to encourage students to continue with school, become leaders and participate in community sports and events. Gold Coast Suns players and program ambassador Jarrod Harbrow.
Wellbeing Programs	Child Wellbeing	This NPA Family and Community Services ATSI Corporation program promotes strong families, respects cultural values and supports parents in keeping their children safe from potential abuse.
	Chronic Illness Reduction Education	The NPA Family and Community Services ATSI Corporation educate community about chronic illness and provide nutrition information, healthier cooking methods and recipes for the childcare centres and out of school hours centres.
	Explicit Instruction	This NPA College and DEEWR program encourages collaborative learning partnership between parents and school.
	Parents and Learning (PaL)	This DEEWR funded PaCE program aims to build capacity by supporting parents and family members to engage in their young children's learning outside of school, with a focus on early literacy and numeracy.
	Sexual Health Education Unit	NPARC, in conjunction with NPA Family and Community Services ATSI Corporation, delivers human relations education and protective behaviour lessons at Bamaga Primary P6 and NPA College P7-12 and at Injinoo P6.
	Social Economic Development Service	This NPARC and DOC (CCSQ) program targets disengaged young people 12-25 years of age.



HEALTH

What your community wanted in 2008:

- Upgrade hospital facilities and buildings.
- Recruit a full time doctor for Bamaga hospital.
- Provide health training for youths.
- Investigate establishing a rehabilitation centre on Red Island.
- Construct playgrounds in all communities.
- Develop and establish an animal management program/strategy.
- Establish community gardens.
- Provide a respite centre.
- Develop and implement substance abuse programs, targeted particularly at youth.
- Develop and implement healthy lifestyle programs.
- Extend the supermarket at Seisia.
- Upgrade the sports ovals.
- Provide a maternity ward and antenatal centre at the hospital.
- Upgrade Bamaga Farm to provide locally grown cheaper fruit and vegetables.
- Upgrade playgrounds.
- Provide additional recreational activities/sports programs for youths.
- Upgrade parks (including fencing).
- Establish an aged care facility, including retirement villas, renal care.
- Establish more sporting facilities (i.e. BMX track, golf course).
- Establish more swimming pools.
- Extend the hospital.
- Establish a men's centre.

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What is available in your community and across the region:

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Aged Care	Community Aged Care Package Program	The Northern Peninsula Community Options Project provides 13 Community Aged Care Packages across the NPA.
	HACC	Funded by the Department of Health and Ageing and administered by the Queensland Government, there are limited HACC services available for the aged and disabled on outer islands (including domestic assistance, social support).
	Torres Strait Home for the Aged	Residential Care: 19 high care and 19 low care places available on Thursday Island.

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Alcohol and Drugs	Alcohol and Other Substances Demand Reduction Program	DOC and NPARC program are to provide activities (i.e. BMX tracks, Kids Club, Music Club, Boxing Club) to reduce the demand of alcohol and other substances.
	Alcohol Management Reform	NPA Mens Shed Service was established under the AMR program. DOC are currently building an AMR office and staff accommodation.
	Alcohol Restrictions	Alcohol restrictions apply across the NPA: 2 litres of wine and 9 litres of premixed spirits of up to 5.5% alcohol/volume OR 2 litres of wine and 11.25 litres of any strength beer.
	Liquor Licences	Licensed Restaurant and Pub at Bamaga. Licensed Camp Ground at Punsand Bay and Loyalty Beach.
	Substance Abuse	Queensland Health provides substance abuse services (family and individual counselling).
Emergency Response	Ambulance	There are two QAS officers stationed in Bamaga.
		Royal Flying Doctors provides patient transport to Cairns if needed.
Environmental Health	Animal Management	Queensland Health provides funding for NPARC to employ Animal Control Officers to register dogs/cats and impound wandering dogs.
	AQIS	AQIS traps and monitors exotic incursions and issues permits for items moving into and out of the region.
	Environmental Health	NPARC has Environmental Health Worker positions in the NPA.
		Queensland Health Environmental Health Officers provide technical support to the Environmental Health Worker in the community.
Health Services	Dental Care	Located at the health care centre and mobile service for NPA.
	Hospital	Bamaga hospital provides limited range of acute care services, 24 hour emergency service, oral health programs and visiting specialists. Renal health care will be available in 2012.
	Medication Scheme	Commonwealth Government have medication scheme which subsidises medication (\$100).
	Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program (MSOAP)	Queensland Health provides a visiting medical specialist outreach services.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Health Services Continued	Mental Health Programs	<p>The Koch Foundation runs Life Workshops to promote Suicide Awareness.</p> <p>Queensland Health has a Mental Health Team based at Bamaga Hospital with a visiting psychiatrist who travels throughout the region.</p> <p>The Healing Centre in Injinoo provides domestic violence counselling, community education, stress management and art therapy.</p> <p>Bringing Them Home: NPA Family and Community Services ATSI provide counselling support for peoples separated from their families as a result of past governments forced removal policies.</p>
	Primary Health Care Centre	Queensland Health runs health care centres specialising in quality Lifestyle, Chronic Disease, Sexual Health, Maternal and Child Health, Men's and Women's Health - Outreach clinic, Family support (Mental Health), Outreach GP Clinics, acute clinical services and disaster management response.
	Primary Health and Specialist Services	The Australian Government through the Department of Health and Ageing contributes funding to support a range of primary health care and specialist services in the Torres Strait and NPA region. These include programs addressing chronic disease, maternal and child health, social and emotional wellbeing, environmental health and aged care needs. All are targeted to helping Close the Gap around Indigenous health disadvantage.
	Royal Flying Doctors Service	RFDS provides limited women's and men's health services.
	Visiting Optometrist	Queensland Health provides a visiting optometrist. The Visiting Optometrist Scheme (VOS) is also provided by the visiting optometry service provider.
Health Training	Health Traineeship	Queensland Health offers school-based and full-time traineeships and cadetships.
	Nursing Courses	JCU offers a Bachelor of Nursing on Thursday Island or externally.
Maternal and Infant Health	Primary Health Care	NPA Family and Community Services ATSI provide child wellbeing programs with services that focus on health promotion including anti-natal clinics for young mums, parenting workshops, women's health and child youth therapist.
	Healthy for Life	Provides outreach maternal and child services such as ante and post natal care and child health services.
	Maternal Health Care Team	Queensland Health has a maternal health care team on NPA to monitor infant health (immunisation).
	Rural Maternity Initiative Project	This Queensland Health project helps mothers to become healthier mums with healthier babies.

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Population Health	Chronic Disease	NPA Family and Community Services ATSI Corporation run Chronic Illness Reduction Education: meal planning, backyard gardens and personal action officer.
	IBIS Healthy Eat Program	IBIS has developed a pricing policy that offers specials only for healthy food; advises and informs the public on healthy eating; and promotes water and non-sugared drinks.
	Men's Health Programs	NPA Men's Shed is a uniquely Australian organisation specialising in the needs of men, their health and well being, their men's sheds and their communities.
	Occupational Therapists	Queensland Health and DOC's Housing Service have visiting occupational therapists.
	PCYC	Run Sports and Recreation services.
	Playgrounds and Swimming Pools	Upgrade to playground facilities - fencing, pagodas and new play equipment (Seisia).
		Replace/repair electrical and filtration infrastructure, lighting, fencing and install barbeques and shade structure poles at Bamaga swimming pool (Bamaga).
		New playground and garden (Family Place Project). Scheduled to be completed in 2012 (New Mapoon).
		Upgrade to playground facilities - fencing, pagodas and new play equipment (Umagico).
		Upgrade to playground facilities - fencing, pagodas and new play equipment (Injinoo).
	Respect NPA	This NPARC program focuses on awareness of respecting and valuing who we are and what we have.
Safety	Domestic Violence Programs	NPA Women's Shelter: provides crises support for women and children under 14 years escaping domestic and family violence.
		The Healing Centre: provides domestic violence counselling, community education, and stress management therapy.
		The Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service: provides court and child protection advice (phone in).
		Relationships Australia: provides counselling and family dispute resolution (mediation) services via phone.
		Go Forward for Men Program: Queensland Police, Menshed and Relationships Australia program targeting behavioural change for men, covering the issues of domestic and family violence.
		Walk Away Cool Down program: Queensland Police program targeting anger management and domestic violence.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Safety of Children	Brave Hearts Program	This program is phone in and delivered through schools. It includes counselling, and the provision of information and support to children and young people who have experienced, or are at risk of, sexual assault.
	CAFS	DOC (CCSQ) and OECEC provide funding to NPAWS for CAFS workers to promote the safety and wellbeing of children through early intervention strategies, and enhance capacity of parents to care for their children.
	Child Protection	Queensland Health has a child safety unit based in Cairns.
	Community Visitor Program	CCYPCG provides monthly visits for children in foster care, accepts community reports on the well being of children in communities.
	Recognised Entity	NPAWS Recognised Entity worker actively participates in significant decisions made by DOC's Child Safety Services regarding Indigenous children across the Torres Strait.
	Safe House	Department of Communities plan to construction a safe house for children on the NPA. The NPA Women's Shelter currently runs a children's safe house out of their shelter.
Sexual and Reproductive Health	Clinics	Queensland Health runs Women's and Men's Health clinics in sexual health
		A Public Health Physician visits and works with Torres Strait health teams to improve sexual health services and community relations
		NPA Family and Community Services ATSI Corporation run Sexual Health Education
	Family Planning	Family Planning Queensland provides family planning education and resources to communities and professionals, some training (fee for service) on sexual and reproductive health
		Family Planning Queensland's Sexual Assault Team (phone-in)
Sports and Recreation	Torres Strait Youth Recreational Sporting Association Inc	TSYRSA runs and provides funding for various sporting activities.



Economic Participation

ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION



What your community wanted in 2008:

- Construct additional food outlets and lease to community members.
- Upgrade the existing camping ground at Umagico.
- Provide additional traineeships and apprenticeships.
- Investigate the potential to build a railway up the Cape.
- Establish a NPA public bus service.
- Establish camping facilities on traditional owner land (including toilets and rubbish collection).
- Construct a shop at Injinoo.
- Construct a business hub.
- Provide small business training.¹
- Ensure adequate workplace health and safety training.
- Develop viable industries and enterprises owned and operated by community members (aquaculture, farming, tourism, hairdressing, sawmill, brick making).¹
- Construct a freezer at Umagico.
- Establish a NPA arts and cultural centre.
- Investigate ways of improving and expanding transportation options.
- Develop work-related training and apprenticeships.
- Ensure rangers monitor fishing and hunting.
- Continue to improve the Cape Development Road.
- Establish a civic centre (to host shows etc.).
- Investigate the possibility of establishing a community owned bank.

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NOTES

¹ Support programs and grants offered through various agencies and organisations are available across the region.

What is available in your community and across the region:

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Accommodation	Hotels, Motels & Camping	Umagico Camping Ground.
		Seisia Holiday Park.
		Bamaga Resort.
		Punsand Bay Camping Resort.
		Loyalty Beach Campground and Fishing Lodge.

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Arts and Culture	Arts and Culture - CDEP conversions	NPARC and DEEWR initiative to improve opportunities for 5 local community members to engage in real jobs with the Arts and Culture industry under the National Job Transitions program.
	Art and Cultural Centre	Funding to be sourced by NPARC for construction of art and cultural centre on the NPA.
	Art Centres	NPA arts centre (New Mapoon).
	Cultural Awareness	TNQ TAFE runs courses in cultural awareness.
	Torres Strait Islands Artists	TSRA provides funding to artists via its Culture, Arts and Heritage Program.
CDEP	Aged Care - CDEP conversions	NPARC and DOHA initiative to increase employment and development opportunities for local community members to engage in real jobs with the aged care industry under the National Jobs Creation.
	CDEP	TSRA, FaHCSIA, DEEWR, Centrelink, CEA, ITEC and Job Find Centre are involved in CDEP programs.
	Community Development	NPARC, FaHCSIA, TSRA, CEA, ITEC and Job Find Centre initiative to support and develop Indigenous communities and organisations.
	Mandingnou Mupang Apang: New Mapoon Children's Place - CDEP conversions	NPARC, DPC and DSQ and WCCT create a community space that is culturally as well as environmentally appropriate for community members of all ages and abilities to visit and enjoy; also create real jobs under the National Jobs Creation Package – CDEP.
	Sport and Recreation - CDEP conversions	NPARC and DOHA initiative to ensure the maintenance of service levels in relation to sport and recreation following the implementation of reforms to the (CDEP) program.
	Work Readiness	NPARC, FaHCSIA, TSRA, CEA, ITEC and Job Find Centre to assist jobseekers to develop their skills to improve their chances of obtaining employment outside the CDEP program
Communication	RIBS	5 part time positions in broadcasting and 2 art work positions from grant funds through QRAM auspiced through DPMC.
Community Volunteers	Indigenous Community Volunteers	Volunteers with specific skills can be placed in a community to assist with particular projects. The community must submit a request with justification of need to Indigenous Community Volunteers.
Economic Planning	Indigenous Employment Policy for Queensland Government Building and Civil Construction Projects (20% Policy)	The IEP 20% Policy for Queensland Government construction NPA.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Economic Planning Continued	Ministerial Roundtable on Indigenous Economic Participation and Development	Currently the Indigenous Jobs and Enterprise Taskforce is negotiating a mentoring project with a major company in North Queensland to employ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
Employment Services	Centrelink	Centrelink provides an outreach service to outer islands supported by NPARC.
	ICAN	ICAN provides financial counselling, no interest loan schemes and small business training (outreach).
	Indigenous Business Hub	The NAB Indigenous Business Hub assists Torres Strait Islanders to establish their own businesses.
Fisheries	Fishing Operations	There are currently 2 active commercial Traditional Inhabitant Boat licences with endorsements to commercially catch Reef Line Species (i.e. Coral Trout) and Mackerel. (Seisia).
		There are currently 5 active commercial Traditional Inhabitant Boat licences with endorsements to commercially catch Tropical Rock Lobster (Kaia), Reef Line Species (i.e. Coral Trout) and Mackerel. (Bamaga).
		There are currently 3 active commercial Traditional Inhabitant Boat licences with endorsements to commercially catch Tropical Rock Lobster (Kaia), Reef Line Species (i.e. Coral Trout) and Mackerel. (New Mapoon).
		There are currently 3 active commercial Traditional Inhabitant Boat licences with endorsements to commercially catch Tropical Rock Lobster (Kaia), Reef Line Species (i.e. Coral Trout) and Mackerel. (Injinoo).
Garden and Grounds	Local Indigenous Partnership Agreement Project (LIPA) – Market Garden	NPARC and DOC project to establish a Community Farm at Bamaga.
	RLCIP R2	NPARC and DITRDLG initiative to fund the construction of a booking office at the Umagico Campgrounds.
Grants	CEIS Grants - NPA	The TSRA offers grants for a range of economic development activities that contribute to the outcomes contained in the TSRA Development Plan.
	CEIS Grants - Seisia	TSRA provided grant to Seisia Community Enterprises as part of NPARC Enterprise Divestment (Seisia).
	Indigenous Business Development Grant Scheme	DEEDI provides grants for the tourism, retail, aquaculture and mining sectors.

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Rangers	Wild River Rangers Program	NPARC and DERM program aims to build the capacity for managing cultural and natural resources; strengthen the local economy based on natural resource management.
	Working on Country Flexible Position Program	NPARC and DEWHA program which employs Indigenous Community Engagement and Administration Officer to support the NPA Indigenous Ranger Program.
	Working on Country Program	The Working on Country Program (DEWHA, TSRA, NPARC) aims to develop a sustainable ranger service that is responsible for environmental management activities such as weed and feral animal control.
Training and Skills Development	Community Enterprise Capacity Building	NPARC and TSRA initiatives to build capacity and strengthen corporate governance of enterprises identified through the NPARC Enterprise Divestment Process.
	Enhancing Indigenous Agribusiness	A DEEDI and Biosecurity Qld program that helps Indigenous communities realise the economic potential that comes with access to and ownership of traditional lands.
	Indigenous Employment and Training Managers	DEEDI service that helps identify and assist with the creation of sustainable employment and training opportunities for local Indigenous people.
	Indigenous Enterprise Development Officers	DEEDI provides assistance numerous Indigenous businesses.
	QBuild Apprenticeship Program	This Department of Public Works program is available to eligible candidates.
	Small Business Training	TSRA in conjunction with TAFE deliver Certificate III in Micro Business Operations.
	Training Initiatives for Indigenous Adults in Regional and Remote Communities	DET in conjunction with Partec Institute and Simmonds and Bristow offer Certificate II and III in Polymer Processing and Certificate II and III in Water Operations.
Transportation	Boat hire	Cape York Ice and Tackle.
	Charter Flights	Barrier Aviation, Cape Air Transport.
		Heli Charters, Australian Helicopters, Cape York Helicopters, Reef Helicopters.
	Commercial Airlines	Skytrans, Regional Pacific.
	Commercial Ferries	Peddells (service to Thursday Island from Seisia).
	Sea Freight	Sea Swift.



Healthy Homes

HEALTHY HOMES



What your community wanted in 2008:

- Improve communication services through provision of newsletters, improved radio services and TV broadcasts.
- Recruit a full time vet.
- Repair and maintain existing houses.
- Develop initiatives that work towards home ownership.
- Ensure housing design is appropriate to the local environment and community needs.²
- Construct more houses, including duplexes, triplexes, pensioner units.
- Construct and repair house fencing.
- Develop initiatives to improve mobile and TV reception.
- Subdivide more land.³
- Investigate providing subsidies to reduce the cost of living.

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NOTES

- ² The Department of Communities' Housing Service uses a formula when constructing new housing to ensure it caters to tenants' needs and environment.
- ³ Sustainable Land Use Plans for each island community have been developed and are available to the public on the TSRA website.

What is available in your community and across the region:

TOPICS	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Aged Care	Community Aged Care Package Program	The Northern Peninsula Community Options Project provides 13 Community Aged Care Packages across NPA.
	HACC	Funded by the Department of Health and Ageing and administered by the Queensland Government, there are limited HACC services available for the aged and disabled on outer islands (including domestic assistance, social support).
Climate Change	Energy Saving Programs	NPARC is raising awareness of power saving opportunities. DLGP and Ergon Energy are working together on energy saving programs.
Ownership	Home Loans	Available to eligible candidates.
	Home Ownership	TSRA is planning for home ownership in the future and currently offers education packages around home ownership.



TOPICS	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Environmental Health	Animal Management	Queensland Health provides funding for NPARC to employ Animal Control Officers to register dogs/cats and impound wandering dogs.
	Environmental Health	NPARC has Environmental Health Worker positions on the NPA.
		Queensland Health Environmental Health Officers provide technical support to the Environmental Health Worker in the community.
	Occupational Therapists	Queensland Health and Housing Service (DOC) have visiting occupational therapists.
	Repairs and Maintenance	QBuild provide repair and maintenance services.
	Tenancy Management (Social Housing Rental Agreement)	DOC is negotiating tenancy management with NPARC.
	Upgrades - Fence	DOC (Community Property Portfolio) has targeted a number of fence upgrades. QBuild will carry out these projects.
	Upgrades to Houses	DOC (Community Property Portfolio) has targeted a number of upgrades. QBuild will carry out these projects.
	Upgrades to Steps and Handrails	DOC (Community Property Portfolio) has targeted a number of steps and handrail projects. QBuild will carry out these projects.
	Waste Management - Dumps	NPA Tip (Umagico).
Planning	Joint Torres Strait Housing and Infrastructure Committee	Collection of agencies (including TSRA, TSC, DLGP, NPARC, QT, ATSSIS, FaHCSIA, RILIPPO, ICC Cairns, Queensland Health, DERM, TSIRC, DTMR, DOC) responsible for infrastructure projects in the region
Safety	Domestic Violence Programs	NPA Women's Shelter: provides crises support for women and children under 14 years escaping domestic and family violence.
		The Healing Centre: provides domestic violence counselling, community education, and stress management therapy.
		The Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service: provides court and child protection advice (phone in).
		Relationships Australia: provides counselling and family dispute resolution (mediation) services via phone.
		Go Forward for Men Program: Queensland Police, Menshed and Relationships Australia program targeting behavioural change for men, covering the issues of domestic and family violence.

TOPICS	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Safety Continued	Domestic Violence Programs Continued	Walk Away Cool Down program: Queensland Police program targeting anger management and domestic violence.
		NPA Women's Shelter: provides crises support for women and children under 14 years escaping domestic and family violence.
	Fire Safety	Operation Safe Home: a QFRS program that conducts fire audits of homes (arranged via phone in service).
Safety of Children	Brave Hearts Program	This program is phone in and delivered through schools. It includes counselling, and the provision of information and support to children and young people who have experienced, or are at risk of, sexual assault.
	CAFS	DOC (CCSQ) and OECEC provide funding to NPAWS for CAFS workers to promote the safety and wellbeing of children through early intervention strategies, and enhance capacity of parents to care for their children.
	Child Protection	Queensland Health has a child safety unit based in Cairns.
	Community Visitor Program	CCYPCG provides monthly visits for children in foster care, accepts community reports on the well being of children in communities.
	Recognised Entity	NPAWS Recognised Entity worker actively participates in significant decisions made by DOC's Child Safety Services regarding Indigenous children across the Torres Strait.
	Safe House	Department of Communities plan to construction a safe house for children on the NPA. The NPA Women's Shelter currently runs the children's safe house out of their shelter



Safe Communities



What your community wanted in 2008:

- Develop methods to prevent community bush fires.
- Increase the police presence in the NPA.
- Expand and upgrade the airport (kiosks, toilets, sealed parking).
- Investigate constructing a bridge over the Jardine River.
- Construct a sea wall in Umagico.
- Renovate the shop and canteen in Bamaga.
- Work towards establishing a single sewerage plant.
- Construct a quarry.
- Expand the Rural Transaction Centre building at New Mapoon to provide better access for all ages.
- Upgrade the oval in Injinoo (lighting etc).
- Construct a new justice building.
- Increase the police presence in the community after hours.
- Establish a new community hall in Injinoo.
- Upgrade roads and drainage where necessary.
- Extend the Nai Beguta Agama Corporation building in New Mapoon.
- Install public phones in all communities.
- Ensure local police are trained to State Police standards.
- Upgrade roads to include speed bumps, bus stops and seals.
- Develop stronger initiatives to stop repeat juvenile offending.
- Construct a new community hall in Bamaga.
- Establish a community library and internet cafe in Bamaga.
- Ensure the community are aware of community by-laws.
- Develop a disaster management plan.
- Establish a youth centre.
- Establish a boat ramp and pontoon in Umagico.
- Upgrade cemeteries, including beautification and constructing amenities.
- Construct mooring facilities and pontoons in Injinoo.
- Develop beautification projects in and around the community.
- Upgrade the sewerage plants.
- Construct a larger dump.
- Seal the road to the ferry wharf.
- Upgrade the Seisia wharf and boat ramp (including lighting, toilet facilities, kiosk, car park extension).
- Construct accommodation/hostels to cater for sporting events.
- Ensure local by-laws are enforced.
- Expand the library in New Mapoon.
- Ensure all communities are adequately lit.
- Construct a multipurpose hall in New Mapoon.
- Repair and upgrade the community hall in Seisia (including kitchen and toilets).
- Repair the seawall in Seisia
- Upgrade facilities at RIBS (including equipment and training).
- Construct a showground in Bamaga (including show pavilion, and rodeo).
- Install public toilets in all communities.
- Upgrade the swimming pool in Bamaga.
- Construct pedestrian and cycle paths between communities.
- Ensure the SES is adequately equipped.

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What is available in your community and across the region:

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Aged Care	Community Aged Care Package Program	Northern Peninsula Community Options Project provides 13 Community Aged Care Packages across NPA.
	HACC	Funded by the Department of Health and Ageing and administered by the Queensland Government, there are limited HACC services for the aged and disabled available on outer islands (including domestic assistance, social support).
Alcohol and Drugs	Alcohol Restrictions and Liquor Licences (canteen)	Licensed Restaurant and Pub at Bamaga.
		Licensed Camp Ground at Punsand Bay and Loyalty Beach.
		Alcohol restrictions are in place across the NPA: 2 litres of wine and 9 litres of premixed spirits of up to 5.5% alcohol/volume OR 2 litres of wine and 11.25 litres of any strength beer.
	Alcohol and Other Substances Demand Reduction Program (AOSDR)	This DOC and NPARC program provides activities (i.e. BMX tracks, Kids Club, Music Club, Boxing Club) to reduce the demand of alcohol and other substances.
	Alcohol Management Reform (AMR)	NPA Men's Shed Service was established under the AMR program. DOC is currently building an AMR office and staff accommodation.
	Liquor Accord	OLGR agreement by licensees and other stakeholders to take certain actions in local communities which aim to improve safety in entertainment areas and reduce alcohol-related anti-social behaviour, offences and violence.
	Substance Abuse	Queensland Health provides substance abuse services (family and individual counselling).
Conservation	Wild River Rangers Program	Rangers are employed by NPARC.
Disaster Management	Disaster Management	NPARC is currently drafting a Disaster Management Plan.
		Disaster management training exercises are run on the NPA approximately yearly.
	Keeping Our Mob Climate Safe (KOMCS)	This is a DOC and EMQ project to improve community preparedness and reduce vulnerability to extreme weather events. A KOMCS officer provides ongoing support to the SES.

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Disaster Management Continued	Natural Disaster Preparation	EMQ delivers announcements on issues such as cyclone preparation, storm surge and king tide safety.
		EMQ's tsunami kits are available at schools and in the community.
		EMQ evacuation kits are available. They include: non perishables, radio, pots, plates, water containers, torch, blankets, candles, bags etc.
Emergency Response	Ambulance	There are two QAS officers stationed in Bamaga.
		Royal Flying Doctors provides patient transport to Cairns if needed.
	SES	EMQ provides NPARC with subsidy provision and maintenance of SES.
	SES Infrastructure	Shed, vehicle, road crash equipment will be supplied in a funding round in the next two years in Bamaga.
Environmental Health	Animal Management	Queensland Health provides funding for NPARC to employ Animal Control Officers to register dogs/cats and impound wandering dogs.
	AQIS	AQIS traps and monitors exotic incursions and issues permits for items moving into and out of the region.
	Environmental Health	NPARC has Environmental Health Worker positions on the NPA.
		Queensland Health Environmental Health Officers provide technical support to the Environmental Health Worker in the community.
	Renewable Energy Alternatives	TSRA, ICC, TSIRC, TSC, NPARC, ERGON, CAT are exploring and developing renewable energy alternatives which are appropriate for the region.
Infrastructure	Regional Climate Modelling	TSRA is facilitating various research, mapping, modelling and monitoring activities to determine the current and possible future impacts of climate change in the region, through the Coastal Management Committee and Coasts and Climate Working Group
	RIBS	The RIBS facility is operational.
	Marine Beacons	AMSA looks after shipping beacons and MSQ harbour beacons.
	Jardine River Bridge Crossing	QTRIP will undertake transport project planning for the construction of the bridge over the Jardine River.
	Seisa Wharf	QTRIP will undertake minor upgrades to the wharf in 2012.
	Roads Upgrade	QTRIP will reseal access roads to each community and the Aerodrome in 2012.
		QTRIP will undertake various upgrades to access roads within DOGIT areas by 2013.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Justice	Community Justice Group	The Department of Justice and the Attorney General's Department fund the Northern Peninsula Area Justice Services Corporation. There are also five established statutory justice groups, one in each of the NPA communities, who have an additional legislative role in alcohol management. They are Bamaga Mina Kodimir Community Justice Group (Bamaga), Ikama Ikya Community Justice Group (Injinoo), Mandthingu Community Justice Group (New Mapoon), Ibopuydhan Balbygimaipa Community Justice Group (Seisia) and Umagico Community Justice Group (Umagico).
		Offenders can be referred to their Community Justice Group for cultural counselling and cultural mediation.
	Court	Magistrates' Court operates two days a month, including 12 days of hearings and 2 days per year of District Court sittings.
	Cultural Counselling for Offenders	Offenders on outer islands can be referred to their Community Justice Group for informal cultural counselling with the support of Queensland Corrective Services, Probation and Parole Services.
	Dispute Resolution	The Dispute Resolution Centre in Cairns provides outreach mediation services.
	LawHelp	LawHelp gives corporations registered under the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2006) access to pro-bono legal advice.
	Legal Aid Queensland	Legal Aid Queensland provides advice monthly on non-criminal issues.
	Legal Representation	The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Legal Services (Qld) provides legal representation to Torres Strait Islanders and Aboriginal offenders in relation to criminal matters.
Maritime Safety	Probation and Parole	Department of Corrective Services – Probation and Parole supervise adult offenders on court orders and deliver specific programs to address individual offending behaviours. The Probation and Parole team are situated at Thursday Island and service the NPA and Torres Strait region on a regular basis.
	Youth Justice	Youth Justice Services (DOC) is designed for young people under 17 years of age on court orders. Statutory caseworkers visit communities every month on a needs basis.
	AMSA	Pacific Adventurer Response: AMSA vessel that responds to accidents and safety incidents.
		Commercial Vessel Safety: AMSA program to keep water ways and passages safe for commercial vessels.
		Port VTS Policy and Procedures: AMSA implements policies and procedures for ports and general maritime safety (Seisia).
		Reducing Risk of Ocean Pollution: AMSA program to prevent and reduce the risk of maritime incidents polluting the ocean.
	Boat Licensing	MSQ provides licensing on outer islands for free.

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Maritime Safety Continued	Maritime Safety Training	MSQ has rolled out a 'boat safe program' at Tagai State College and delivers educational programs to improve boating safety. MSQ officers also support marine studies programs at the school.
		MSQ distributes materials to communities and implements training on outboard motor maintenance.
		Promote Lifejackets: this MSQ program promotes the wearing of life jackets particularly amongst children.
		Support Grab Bag Scheme: this MSQ scheme, implemented in partnership with IBIS, allows individuals to borrow maritime emergency bags.
		MSQ supports the inclusion of boating safety lessons into primary school curriculum and promotes AUSMEPA throughout primary schools.
		Maritime Safety Education - AMSA program to educate population on targeting trip planning, engine maintenance and fuel carriage.
Planning	Biodiversity Management Planning	DERM, AQIS, ED and TSRA work together to coordinate and manage pests and weeds in the Torres Strait.
	Torres Strait Climate Change Strategy (action plan)	This strategy will inform future work of the Coastal Management Committee and is an integrated and collaborative approach to addressing the impacts of climate change in the Torres Strait.
	Drivers Licence	DTMR regularly visit NPA to issue drivers licences, learner's permits and 18+cards.
		A Road Safety Advisory Group was recently set up.
	Domestic Violence Programs	NPA Women's Shelter: provides crises support for women and children under 14 years escaping domestic and family violence.
		The Healing Centre: provides domestic violence counselling, community education, and stress management therapy.
		The Queensland Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service: provides court and child protection advice (phone in).
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		Go Forward for Men Program: Queensland Police, Menshed and Relationships Australia program targeting behavioural change for men, covering the issues of domestic and family violence.
		Walk Away Cool Down program: Queensland Police program targeting anger management and domestic violence.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Planning Continued	Family Support	NPA Resource Centre (Bamaga) and Healing Centre (Injinoo).
	Fire Service	There is an active urban fire service in the NPA. Fire hydrants on the road have been identified with blue reflective markers at the centre of the road. Queensland Rural Fire Service provides the training of volunteer staff.
		25 people have completed Certificate I in Fire Management Training on the NPA.
		Operation Safe Home: a QFRS program that conducts fire audits of homes (arranged via phone in service).
	Playgrounds and Swimming Pools	Upgrade to playground facilities - fencing, pagodas and new play equipment. \$10,000. Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (Seisia).
		Replace/repair electrical and filtration infrastructure, lighting, fencing and install barbeques and shade structure poles at Bamaga Swimming pool. \$70,000 - Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (Bamaga).
		Family Place Project - Arts Queensland, DSQ, WCCT provided funding of \$1,331,679 for new playground and garden, commissioned 2010, scheduled to be completed by July 2011.(New Mapoon).
		Upgrade to playground facilities - fencing, pagodas and new play equipment. \$10,000 - Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program. Cairns ICC has provided funding to supply water to the Umagico Sports Oval (Umagico).
		Upgrade to playground facilities - fencing, pagodas and new play equipment. \$10,000 - Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (Injinoo).
		Various upgrades to pool and playgrounds are being undertaken (NPA).
Safety of Children	Police	There are seven Queensland Police Officers stationed in Bamaga.
		Queensland Police have a lock up at Bamaga.
	Work Place Safety	WHSQ (JAG) promotes health and safety in the region, conducts safety week, school visits and community activities to promote workplace health and safety. WHSQ also disseminates workplace health and safety information and conducts workplace inspections.
Safety of Children	Brave Hearts Program	This program is phone in and delivered through schools. It includes counselling, and the provision of information and support to children and young people who have experienced, or are at risk of, sexual assault.
	CAFS	DOC (CCSQ) and OECEC provide funding to NPAWS for CAFS workers to promote the safety and wellbeing of children through early intervention strategies, and enhance capacity of parents to care for their children.

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Safety of Children Continued	Child Protection	Queensland Health has a child safety unit based in Cairns.
	Community Visitor Program	CCYPCG provides monthly visits for children in foster care, accepts community reports on the well being of children in communities.
	Recognised Entity	The NPAWS Recognised Entity worker actively participates in significant decisions made by DOC's Child Safety Services regarding Indigenous children across the Torres Strait.
	Safe House	Department of Communities plan to construction a safe house for children on the NPA. The NPA Women's Shelter currently runs the children's safe house out of their shelter
Sports and Recreation	Sports and Recreation	PCYC has Full-time Sports and Rec officers.
	Torres Strait Youth Recreational Sporting Association Inc	TSYRSA runs and provides funding for various sporting activities.



Governance and Leadership

GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

What your community wanted in 2008:

- Develop and run a youth leadership camp.
- Establish and run youth forums.
- Develop a program to better ensure leaders declare any conflict of interest.
- Establish a youth council.

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What is available in your community and across the region:

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Apprenticeships, Cadetships and Traineeships	Apprenticeships and Cadetships	There are apprenticeship and cadetship vacancies across all operational areas of NPARC, DET, DEEDI, DEEWR, QBuild, CEA, TSRA, Job Find and ITEC.
	Health Cadetship and Internship	Queensland Health offers school-based and full-time traineeships and cadetships.
	Indigenous Cadetship Support	This DEEWR program improves job prospects for Indigenous Australian students. It links full-time Indigenous students undertaking a Diploma, an Advanced Diploma or first undergraduate degree with employers who can give them work placements and ongoing employment.
Career Development	Career Trek Program	This Australian Public Service Commission program enhances access to career development opportunities for regionally based APS staff and those employed by small to medium sized agencies.
	Indigenous APS Employees Network	This Australian Public Service Commission forum shares information and experiences, provides support and encouragement and promotes cultural awareness and respect in the APS.
	Indigenous Mentoring Program	This DET and DOC program focuses on development and implementation of regional mentoring programs for Indigenous workers, volunteers and carers in community services.
	Indigenous Youth Mobility Program	This DEEWR program helps young Indigenous people move away from home to gain the skills they need to get a job in their community or elsewhere.



TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Community and Culture	Community Profiles	DOC (ATSIS) has community profiles which provide a description of all communities in the region.
	Community Plans	NPARC is legislated to develop a Community Plan.
	Cultural Protocols	TSRA is in the process of preparing a cultural protocol.
Community Volunteers	Indigenous Community Volunteers	Volunteers with specific skills can be placed in a community to assist with particular projects. The community must submit a request with justification of need to Indigenous Community Volunteers.
Scholarships	AFL Scholarship	Cape AFL offers scholarship to eligible candidates.
	Assistance with Tertiary Education Scheme	TSRA offers ATEES scholarships to eligible candidates. It assists Indigenous people within the Torres Strait to undertake undergraduate study at a mainland university campus.
	Australian Indigenous Education Foundation Scholarship Program	This DEEWR program provides boarding school scholarships and career pathways.
	Governor-General Indigenous Student Teacher Scholarship	The Governor-General's Office offers this scholarship to Indigenous men and women undertaking tertiary teaching studies.
	Morey Scholarship	TSRA offers this scholarship, established by Senator Susan Boyce, to eligible female candidates seeking assistance with tertiary education.
Training and Courses	Torres Strait Youth Leadership Scholarship	TSRA offers scholarships to eligible candidates to participate in a leadership course run by the Australian Rural Leadership Foundation. This course develops the confidence and interpersonal skills of potential leaders.
	Australian Rural Leadership Foundation's Training Rural Australians in Leadership	TSRA offers scholarships to eligible candidates to participate in TRAIL. This program is a short, intensive 8 day residential program for emerging rural leaders to build new skills and develop a strong network of peers.
	Australian Rural Leadership Program	TSRA offers scholarships to eligible candidates to participate in this program. This program seeks to build resilient rural communities by developing leaders and involves up to 35 individuals in each 18 month course.
	Compliance, Annual Reporting and Corporate Governance Training	These ORIC programs are specifically for Directors and interested members of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations.
	Executive Board Members Mentoring Initiative	TSRA offers this capacity building exercise to eligible candidates (Executive Board).

TOPIC	PROGRAMS AND SERVICES	DESCRIPTION
Training and Courses Continued	Indigenous Leadership Program (Men, Women and Youth)	FaHCSIA offers this program to eligible candidates. Participants embark on a personal leadership journey to develop the skills to become strong leaders in their families and community.
	Indigenous Men's Leadership Conference	FaHCSIA offers eligible candidates support to attend this conference.
	Reporting Compliance Project	This ORIC project assists corporations with annual reporting compliance.
	Strengthening Boards	Partnership assisting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations to find independent directors.
	The Strong Voices	This DOC (Office for Women) program is designed to provide Indigenous women with the knowledge, skills and confidence to help inspire and guide the development of women and girls in their communities.
	Wal Meta Unit Leadership Program	This DEEDI program is designed specifically for Indigenous employees in the Queensland Public Sector with a focus on pro-active learning, on-the-job experience, accredited and non-accredited training.



LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS & CONTACT DETAILS

AA	Alcoholics Anonymous	Email: aacairns@bigpond.com Phone: (07) 4051 2872
AAP	Annual Action Plan	
AFMA	Australian Fisheries Management Authority	Website: http://www.afma.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island Office: (07) 4069 1990; National Switchboard: 1300 723 621
AFP	Australian Federal Police	Website: http://www.afp.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island Office: (07) 4069 1899; National Switchboard: (02) 6131 3000
AIMS	Australian Institute of Marine Science	Website: http://www.aims.gov.au Phone: (07) 4753 4444
AITAP	Aboriginal and Islander Tertiary Aspiration Program	
AMR	Alcohol Management Reform	
AMSA	Australian Maritime Safety Authority	Website: http://www.amsa.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island Office: (07) 4090 3079; Main Switchboard: (02) 6279 5000
ANC	Australian Navy Cadets	Website: www.cadetnet.gov.au/anc Phone: (07) 4069 0510
APS	Australian Public Service	
APSC	Australian Public Service Commission	Website: http://www.apsc.gov.au Phone: Switchboard: (02) 6202 3500
AQIS	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service	Website: http://www.daff.gov.au/aqis Phone: Thursday Island Office: (07) 4069 1185; National Switchboard: 1800 020 504
ARLF	Australian Rural Leadership Foundation	Website: http://www.rural-leaders.com.au Phone: (02) 6281 0680
ATODS	Alcohol, Tobacco and other Drug Services	Phone: Thursday Island (07) 4069 0400
ATSI	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	
ATSILS	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Legal Services	Website: http://www.atsils.com.au Phone: Cairns Office: (07) 4046 6400
ATSIS	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services	Website: http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/atsis Phone: (07) 4069 1243
AUSMEPA	Australian Marine Environment Protection Association	Website: http://www.ausmepa.org.au Phone: National Office: (02) 6254 2559

BER	Building the Education Revolution	Website: http://www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/BuildingTheEducationRevolution/Pages/default.aspx
	Biosecurity	Website: http://www.daff.gov.au/ba Phone: (02) 6272 3933
	Brave Hearts Program	Website: http://www.bravehearts.org.au Phone: 1800 272 831
CAFS	Child and Family Services	Website: http://www.cafs.org.au Phone: Mura Kosker (07) 4069 1663
CCLO	Cross Cultural Liaison Officer	Website: http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/community/CulturalAdvisory/cclo.htm Phone: (07) 4069 1520
CCP	Community Construction Program	
CCSQ	Community Capacity and Service Quality	Website: http://www.communities.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 4036 5400
CCYPCG	Commissioner for Children and Young People and Child Guardian	Website: http://www.ccypcg.qld.gov.au Phone: 1800 688 275
CDEP	Community Development Employment Program	Website: http://www.facs.gov.au/sa/indigenous/progserv/families/cdep/Pages/default.aspx
CEA	Career Employment Australia	Website: http://www.ceagroup.com.au Phone: (07) 4212 0000
CEIS	Community Economics Initiatives Scheme	Website: http://www.tsra.gov.au/the-tsra/economic-development/community-economic-initiatives-scheme.aspx
CIB	Criminal Investigation Branch	
COAG	Council of Australian Governments	Website: http://www.coag.gov.au Phone: (02) 6271 5111
COLA	Covered Outside Learning Area	
CPIU	Child Protection and Investigation Unit	Website: http://www.police.qld.gov.au Email: CPIU.ThursdayIsland@police.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 4069 1333
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation	Website: http://www.csiro.au Phone: 1300 363 400
	Cairns School of Distance Education	Website: http://cairnssde.eq.edu.au Phone: (07) 4080 9111
	Cape AFL	Website: http://www.aflcapeyork.com.au Phone: (07) 4054 5199
	Customs	Website: http://www.customs.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island Office: (07) 4083 1800; General Enquiries: 1300 363 263



DCCEE	Department of Climate Change and Energy Efficiency	Website: http://www.climatechange.gov.au Phone: General Enquiries: 1800 057 590
DCS	Department of Community Safety	Website: http://www.communitysafety.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 324 7881
DEEDI	Department of Employment, Economic Development and Innovation	Website: http://www.deedi.qld.gov.au Phone: 13 25 23 Thursday Island (07) 4069 2420
DEEWR	Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations	Website: http://www.deewr.gov.au Phone: General Enquiries: 1300 363 079; Thursday Island (07) 30 6400
DERM	Department of Environment and Resource Management	Website: http://www.derm.qld.gov.au Phone: 13 74 68
DEST	Department of Education Science and Training	Website: http://www.dest.gov.au
DET	Department of Education and Training	Website: http://deta.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 3237 0111
DEWHA	Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	Website: http://www.environment.gov.au Phone: 1800 803 772
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trading	Website: http://www.dfat.gov.au Phone: (07) 4069 2188
DIAC	Department of Immigration and Citizenship	Website: http://www.immi.gov.au Phone: (07) 4069 1292
DITRD LG	Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government	Website: http://www.infrastructure.gov.au Phone: (07) 3838 9991
DLGP	Department of Local Government and Planning	Website: http://dlgp.qld.gov.au Phone: 13 74 68 Cairns (07) 4039 8305
DOC	Department of Communities	Website: http://www.communities.qld.gov.au Phone: FNQ Office of the Regional Director (07) 4036 5522 Torres Strait ATSI office (07) 4069 1243
DOHA	Department of Health and Aging	Website: http://www.health.gov.au Phone: 1800 020 103
DPC	Department of the Premier and Cabinet	Website: http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 3224 2111
DPI	Department of Primary Industries	Website: http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au Phone: 13 25 23
DPMC	Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet	Website: http://www.dpmc.gov.au

DPW	Department of Public Works	Website: http://www.publicworks.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 3227 7111
DSQ	Disability Services Queensland	Website: http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/disability/disability-and-community-care Phone: Thursday Island (07) 4069 2829
DTMR	Department of Transport and Main Roads	Website: http://www.tmr.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 3834 2011
DV	Domestic Violence	
	Dispute Resolution Centre	Phone: Cairns: (07) 4039 8742
	DV Connect	Website: http://www.dvconnect.org Phone: Women's line: 1800 811 811; Men's line: 1800 600 636
EMQ	ENorthern Peninsula Areagency Management Queensland	Website: http://www.eNorthern Peninsula Areagency.qld.gov.au/emq Phone: (07) 3247 8511
ENT	Ear, Nose and Throat	
EQ	Education Queensland	Website: http://education.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 3237 0111
EYC	Early Years Centre	Website: http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/families/early-years-centres.html
	Ergon Energy	Website: http://www.ergon.com.au Phone: General Enquiries: 13 10 46
FACs	Family and Community Services	
FAHCSIA	Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs	Website: http://www.fahcsia.gov.au Phone: Brisbane Office: (07) 3037 4500; Switchboard: 1300 653 227
	Family Planning Queensland	Website: http://www.fpq.com.au Phone: Cairns Clinic: (07) 4051 3788
HACC	Home and Community Care	Website: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/hacc Phone: Thursday Island: (07) 4090 3885
HIC	Health Issues Committee	
	Healthy for Life	Website: http://www.health.gov.au/healthyforlife
IBIS	Islanders Boards of Industry Services	Website: http://www.ibis-ti.org Phone: Thursday Island: (07) 4050 4300
ICAN	Indigenous ConsuNorthern Peninsula Area Assistance Network	Website: http://ican.org.au Phone: 1300 369 878 Mura Kosker (07)4069 1663



ICC	Indigenous Coordination Centre	Website: http://www.fahcsia.gov.au Phone: Cairns office: (07) 40378600; Freecall: 1800 079 098
ICT	Information & Communication Technologies	
IEP	Indigenous Employment Program	Website: www.deewr.gov.au/IEP
IKC	Indigenous Knowledge Centre	Website: http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/about/who/orgchart/ils/ikc
IPA	Indigenous Protected Area	Website: http://www.environment.gov.au/indigenous/ipa/index.html
ISD	Integrated Service Delivery	
ISSU	Indigenous Schooling Support Unit	Website: http://www.issu.com.au Phone: (07) 4044 5600
	ITEC Employment	Website: http://www.itecemployment.com.au Phone: Thursday Island Office: (07) 4090 3311; General Enquiries: 132 4832
JCU	James Cook University	Website: http://www.jcu.edu.au Phone: Thursday Island Campus: (07) 4069 2670; General Enquiries: (07) 4781 4111
JSA	Job Services Australia	Website: http://www.deewr.gov.au/employment/JSA
KOMCS	Keeping Our Mob Climate Safe	Website: http://www.disaster.qld.gov.au/
LIPA	Local Indigenous Partnership Agreement	
	Law Help	Website: http://www.oric.gov.au/Content.aspx?content=training/lawhelp.htm Phone: 1800 622 431
	Legal Aid Queensland	Website: http://www.legalaid.qld.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island Magistrates Court (07) 4069 1503; General: 1300 65 11 88
	Lena Passi Women's Shelter	Phone: (07) 4069 2534
	Life Line	Website: http://www.lifeline.org.au Phone: 13 11 14
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding	
MSQ	Maritime Safety Queensland	Website: http://www.msq.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 3120 7462
MSOAP	Medical Specialist Outreach Assistance Program	Website: http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/ruralhealth-services-msoap
	Mura Kosker Sorority	Phone: (07) 4069 1663; Freecall: 1800 811 811
NAB	National Australia Bank	Website: http://www.nab.com.au Phone: 13 22 65

NII	National Information Infrastructure	
NIRA	National Indigenous Reform Agreement	
NPA	Northern Peninsula Area	
NPARC	Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	Website: http://www.nparc.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 4050 1800
NRCP	National Respite for Carers Program	Website: http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/ageing-carers-nrcp.htm Phone: 1800 052 222
OECEC	Office for Early Childhood Education and Care	Website: http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood
OLGR	Office for Liquor and Gaming Regulation	Website: http://www.olgr.qld.gov.au Phone: 13 74 68
OPAP	Older Persons in Action Program	Phone: 1800 811 811
ORIC	Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations	Website: http://www.oric.gov.au Phone: 1800 622 431
PaCE	Parents and Community Engagement program	Website: http://www.deewr.gov.au/pace
PaL	Parents and Learning program	Website: http://www.parentsandlearning.com
PBC	Prescribed Body Corporate	
PCYC	Police-Citizens Youth Club	Website: http://www.pcyd.org.au Phone: (07) 3909 9555
PKA	Port Kennedy Association	Phone: (07) 4069 2306
PNG	Papua New Guinea	
POW	Prince of Wales Island	
PZJA	Protected Zone Joint Authority	Website: http://pzja.gov.au
QAS	Queensland Ambulance Service	Website: http://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au
QATSIP	Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Police	Website: http://www.police.qld.gov.au/programs/community/CulturalAdvisory/qatsip.htm
QFRS	Queensland Fire and Rescue Service	Website: http://www.fire.qld.gov.au
QH	Queensland Health	Website: http://www.health.qld.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island Hospital: (07) 4069 1109; Switchboard: (07) 3234 0111
QPS	Queensland Police Service	Website: http://www.police.qld.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island: (07) 4069 1520



GRAM	Queensland Remote Aboriginal Media	Website: http://www.gramac.org.au Phone: (07) 4032 5022
QT	Queensland Travel	
QTRIP	Queensland Transport and Roads Investment Program	
	QBuild	Website: http://www.qbuild.qld.gov.au Phone: Cape York Regional Office: (07) 4039 8699 Thursday Island (07) 4069 1127
	Queensland Corrective Services (Probation and Parole)	Website: http://www.correctiveservices.qld.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island Office: (07) 4090 2048
RATEP	Remote Area Teacher Education Program	Website: http://www.learningplace.com.au/defaulteqa2.asp?orgid=89&suborgid=586 Phone: Thursday Island Campus: (07) 4069 2670
RIBS	Remote Indigenous Broadcasting service	
RILIPO	Remote Land and Infrastructure Program Office	Phone: (07) 4057 3865
RLCIP R2	Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program (Round 2)	
RNTBC	Registered Native Title Bodies Corporate	
RRRC	Reef and Rainforest Research Centre	Website: http://www.rrrc.org.au Phone: (07) 4050 7400
RTC	Rural Transaction Centre	
	Relationship Australia	Website: http://www.relationships.org.au Phone: 1300 364 277
	Royal Flying Doctor Service	Website: http://www.flyingdoctor.org.au Phone: Cairns base: (07) 4040 0444
SES	State ENorthern Peninsula Areagency Services	Website: http://www.eNorthernPeninsulaAreagency.qld.gov.au/ses Phone: 13 74 68
SEWPaC	Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities	Website: http://www.environment.gov.au Phone: (02) 6274 1111
SLUP	Sustainable Land Use Plan	Website: http://www.tsra.gov.au/land--sea-management-home/section-4.aspx
SRD	School Review and Development	
SWD	Students With Disability	
	St John's Community Care	Website: http://www.stjohnscommunitycare.org Phone: Thursday Island: (07) 4090 3666; General: (07) 4039 9700
TIB	Traditional Inhabitant Boating	

TNQ TAFE	Tropical North Queensland Technical and Further Education	Website: http://www.tafe.qld.gov.au Phone: Thursday Island: (07) 4069 2200
TO	Traditional Owner	
TRAUQ	Tamway, Rosehill, Aplin, Waiben and Quarantine Community Council	
TSC	Torres Shire Council	Website: http://www.torres.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 4069 1336
TSIRC	Torres Strait Regional Council	Website: http://www.tsirc.qld.gov.au Phone: (07) 4048 6200
TSIREC	Torres strait Islanders Regional Education Council	Website: http://www.tsirec.com.au Phone: (07) 4030 6322
TSRA	Torres Strait Regional Authority	Website: http://www.tsra.gov.au Phone: (07) 4069 0700
TSYRSA	Torres Strait Youth Recreational Sporting Association Inc	Phone: (07) 4069 2484
TRL	Tropical Rock Lobster	
	Tagai State College	Website: http://tagaisc.eq.edu.au Phone: Thursday Island Administrative Centre: (07) 4030 6333
	Tagai TAFE	Website: http://tagaisc.eq.edu.au/wcms/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=365&Itemid=463
	Thursday Island Hospital	Phone: Thursday Island Hospital: (07) 4069 1109
	Torres Strait Home for the Aged (Star of the Sea)	Phone: (07) 4069 2585
VET	Vocational Education and Training	
VPG	Vocational Partnership Group	Website: http://www.vpginc.com.au Phone: (07) 4030 6334
VTs	Vessel Traffic Service	
WCCT	Western Cape Communities Trust	Website: http://www.westerncape.com.au/western_cape_trust.html
WHSQ (JAG)	Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (Department of Justice and Attorney-General)	Website: http://www.whs.qld.gov.au Phone: 1300 369 915
WPR	Workplace Reforms	
YSC	Youth Support Coordinator	
	Youth Justice Services (DOC)	Website: http://www.communities.qld.gov.au/communityservices/youth/youth-justice/youth-justice-services Phone: Rural and Remote Service Centre (07) 4048 9802



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