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ANINDILYAKWA LAND COUNCIL and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TOWNSHIP

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TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR GROOTE EYLANDT AND BICKERTON ISLAND

Due to the current Covid-19 outbreak in the Northern Territory, a number of travel restrictions are in place for those wishing to enter or travel through Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island.

Anyone located within a lockdown area, as designated by the Northern Territory Government's Chief Health Officer (CHO), is prohibited from leaving this area until advised otherwise by the CHO. Travelling to Groote Eylandt or Bickerton Island from this area is therefore prohibited.

Travel to these areas is also prohibited for anyone located within other lockdown areas or Covid-19 hotspots as designated by the CHO until such a time as that designation is removed.

Any essential workers (as defined by the Northern Territory Government) wishing to travel to Groote Eylandt or Bickerton Island from a designated lockdown area or hotspot are advised to contact the Northern Territory Government's Coronavirus Lockdown Advice Hotline at **1800 193 111** to ensure they meet the essential worker requirements and have obtained the relevant paper work prior to travelling.

Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island residents who are currently in the designated lockdown area and unable to return home during this period are advised to contact Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation on (08) 8935 0100 or Larrakia Nation on 1800 PATROL.

The Anindilyakwa Land Council have also advised they are prohibiting light aircraft flights for people returning from ceremony in any communities in the Katherine region, including from Numbulwar.

Please re-consider your need to travel to Aboriginal Land during this time. Protecting our community remains the responsibility of everyone, and we ask

that you respect the wishes of our Aboriginal communities during this difficult period.

For further information on the current travel restrictions in place for Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island please contact the:

- Northern Territory Government's Coronavirus Lockdown Advice Hotline on **1800 193 111**
- Office of Township Leasing on **1800 152 259**
- Anandilyakwa Land Council on **(08) 8987 4006**

For the most up to date information and frequently asked questions about the Northern Territory lockdowns and current Covid-19 exposure sites, visit <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/>

For current information about COVID-19 Coronavirus:

Coronavirus Health Information Line

1800 020 080

Call for information on Coronavirus COVID-19. Operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

NT COVID-19 hotline

1800 490 484

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) \(nt.gov.au\)](https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/)

For information on COVID-19 in the Territory call the hotline.

NT Coronavirus Lockdown Advice Hotline

1800 193 111

For information on lockdown arrangements call the hotline.

Australian Government Department of Health

<https://www.health.gov.au/>

Latest news, alerts and situation status within Australia. Protection advice and fact sheets.

SecureNT

<https://securent.nt.gov.au/>

Latest news, alerts, situation status and advice relevant to the Northern Territory. Health message recordings in Aboriginal languages.

World Health Organisation (WHO)

<https://www.who.int/>

Public advice for personal and organisational protection, global situation updates.

Office of Township Leasing

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1800 152 259

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