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TIWI LAND COUNCIL and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TOWNSHIP LEASING

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS TO THE TIWI ISLANDS

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 the Tiwi Islands.

Anyone located within the lockdown area, as designated by the Northern Territory Government's Chief Health Officer (CHO), is prohibited from travelling to the Tiwi Islands until advised otherwise by the CHO. Travel to the Tiwi Islands is also prohibited for anyone located within an identified Covid-19 hotspot as designated by the CHO until such a time as that declaration is removed.

Any essential workers (as defined by the Northern Territory Government) wishing to travel to the Tiwi Islands 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.

Tiwi 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.

To protect Tiwi Communities, the Tiwi Land Council (TLC) have also suspended all work, transit, visitor and recreational permits for Aboriginal Land outside of the main Tiwi communities of Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi, Milikapiti and Wurankuwu.

TLC Chairman Gibson Farmer Illortaminni encourages Tiwi people to stay safe, "I congratulate all Tiwi who have done a great job looking after families so far, we are doing our best to make sure people stay safe".

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 the Tiwi Islands please contact the:

- Northern Territory Government's Coronavirus Lockdown Advice Hotline on **1800 193 111**
- Office of Township Leasing on **1800 152 259**

For the most up to date information and frequently asked questions about the Greater Darwin lockdown 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

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