



Do Traditional Owners Have to Agree to a Township Lease to Continue to Get Basic Services?

Township Leases are voluntary agreements that do not affect the level of services provided to a community.

- A community which agrees to a Township Lease will still receive basic services from Governments.
- Communities that do not sign up to a Township Lease will still receive basic services from Governments.

The Northern Territory Government is responsible for providing health, education, police, power and water, and emergency services in the Northern Territory. These services will continue in a Township Lease community.

The Local Government Act says that Regional Councils will provide municipal services and some community services in communities. This includes rubbish collection, road maintenance, weed control, managing parks and public spaces, library services, night patrol and a range of other local services. The Regional Council will continue to provide those services when there is a Township Lease.

A Township Lease creates a secure and regular land administration system, and provides certainty of tenure through long term subleases. This means that Government and commercial developers can operate in the township knowing they have secure land under their sublease.

The land administration system created by a Township Lease provides Governments and the Regional Council with secure tenure over their assets in the community.

This means that Governments can build infrastructure, including community housing, and have the authority to maintain them over time through their subleases.

