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ANINDILYAKWA LAND COUNCIL and EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF TOWNSHIP LEASING

LIFTING OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR GROOTE EYLANDT AND BICKERTON ISLAND

Following advice from the Northern Territory Government's Chief Health Officer (CHO), the designation of the Darwin lockdown area was removed at 1pm on 2 July 2021. While travel restrictions linked to this have also been lifted, a number of precautionary measures remain in place to protect community from Covid-19.

While travel to and from Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island has resumed, anyone wishing to travel to these areas is advised to check the latest travel advice from the CHO on the Northern Territory Government's Coronavirus at <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/> to ensure they meet the appropriate requirements prior to travelling.

Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island residents who were in a designated lockdown area are now able to return home. Support is available for any residents who are required to isolate for a 14 day period under the CHO's advice. Anyone in need of assistance is advised to contact Yilli Rreung Housing Aboriginal Corporation on (08) 8935 0100 or Larrakia Nation on 1800 PATROL.

If you are feeling unwell, do not travel to Groote Eylandt or Bickerton Island. Protecting our community remains the responsibility of everyone, and we ask that you respect the wishes of our Aboriginal communities during this difficult period.

Travel restrictions for those coming from interstate may still apply, and visitors to Groote Eylandt and Bickerton Island are advised to check the latest Northern Territory Government advice in relation to this.

For further information on the current travel requirements in place for the 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 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://www.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>