



## **What happens when the Township Lease is signed?**

A Township Lease, or 'Head Lease', is signed by the Land Council, the Land Trust and the Executive Director of Township Leasing (Executive Director).

When the Township Lease has been signed, an advance payment will usually be negotiated and paid to the Land Trust for Traditional Owners of the township area to invest in their chosen economic development projects. The Government may also negotiate a community benefits package, or economic development fund, which will be delivered after signing.

The Office of Township Leasing will start making the Township Lease operational, which means:

- Talking to the Land Council and Land Trust to nominate Traditional Owners of the township area to the Consultative Forum.
- Meeting with the Consultative Forum to decide how often they will meet, the rules for their meetings, and how they would like to work with the Executive Director.
- Surveying the whole township area to properly mark out every block, or 'Lot', in the township.
- Recognising the prior rights of existing occupiers, particularly when there is already a section 19 Lease or some other kind of lease/agreement in place.
- Formalising a sublease for the Lots in the township with whoever has been occupying that Lot, including government agencies, Regional Councils, Aboriginal Organisations, Local Businesses, the Church and any other Organisations.
- Beginning to collect rent from those subleases.

The Executive Director of Township Leasing will then work with the Consultative Forum on the day to day business of administering the land in the township.

