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GOVE PENINSULA FUTURES REFERENCE GROUP

Statement on the Release of the Traditional Owner's Vision for the Gove Peninsula

Gumatj and Rirratjingu Traditional Owners have released *A New Journey Together, Traditional Owners' Vision for the Future of Nhulunbuy and the Gove Peninsula* (the Vision). The document sets out the Rirratjingu and Gumatj Traditional Owners' vision for the future beyond mining.

The Gove Peninsula Futures Reference Group (the Reference Group) welcomes the release of the Vision. The Vision highlights the Traditional Owners' aspirations for a regional services hub in Nhulunbuy which supports Yolŋu and Däpaki (non-indigenous) living and working together with a strong respect and knowledge of each other's cultures, a diverse and thriving economy with opportunity for all, and a diversity of education opportunities and services to support the local population and broader region. The Vision also makes clear that Nhulunbuy, the Yolŋu communities on the Peninsula and the North East Arnhem homelands should be strong together.

The Vision provides a strong foundation and direction for the current and upcoming work of the Reference Group across the priority work streams of Land Tenure, Economic Transition, Infrastructure and Essential Services, Community and Government Services and Town Governance and Yolŋu and Däpaki Together.

The Traditional Owners, together with the Reference Group, invite organisations, businesses and residents of the Gove Peninsula and the wider East Arnhem region to read and understand the Vision and provide feedback. This Vision and survey can be found at <https://haveyoursay.nt.gov.au/traditional-owner-vision-for-the-govepeninsula>. The survey will close on 30 April 2021.

The Reference Group Members thank the Gumatj and Rirratjingu elders and leaders, family members and young people for their considered input into the Vision. The Reference Group Members also thank the team from Social Ventures Australia for their extensive work to prepare the document. The Members look forward to continuing work to progress the important work of the Reference Group over the coming years.

Background

In May 2019, Traditional Owner organisations, including Gumatj Corporation Ltd and the Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation, together with Northern Land Council, Rio Tinto, the Northern Territory Government and the Australian Government National Indigenous Australians Agency, made a commitment to work together to achieve a positive future for Nhulunbuy and the Gove Peninsula post mining for the benefit of Yolŋu land owners, local communities, businesses and industry. The joint *Statement on the Future of the Gove Peninsula* is available at <https://cmc.nt.gov.au/news/2019/statement-on-the-future-of-the-gove-peninsula>.