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Senator Boyce asked:

Do all RSD priority communities now have Environmental Health Plans which deal with the healthy homes aspect of health and well-being? Will they be included in the Local Implementation Plans (LIPs)? If not, why?

Answer:

Five Local Implementation Plans include an action to develop an Environmental Health Plan, while a further nine include actions relating to improving environmental health.

The Local Implementation Plans are a negotiated agreement between all levels of government and communities and will continue to evolve over time as the various agreed actions are carried out, additional needs are identified and commitments delivered. All the Local Implementation Plans were based on strong community engagement to identify and reach agreement with government and reflect individual community priorities.

In his second report the Coordinator General for Remote Indigenous Services noted:

I am pleased that most Plans include consideration of associated environmental health initiatives including animal management plans and house fencing and tenancy management initiatives and reforms such as education programs on “looking after your home”.