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Question:

Where additional housing investment is scheduled, particularly where new subdivisions or upgraded infrastructure might be required to support new housing, who bears the responsibility and associated costs of providing this infrastructure for essential services?

Answer:

National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing (NPARIH) funding has been allocated to upgrade housing related infrastructure and subdivisions since 2008. Under the NPARIH Competitive Bids Process, funding for the provision of essential services infrastructure may be agreed where the jurisdiction demonstrates it is necessary.

In Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory, NPARIH funding has been approved for a range of essential services related to developing new subdivisions, including roads, water, power, sewerage, extensions to existing water storage, additional capacity for waste water and cadastral surveys.