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Question:

With the threat of closure of remote communities in WA, and no agreement in place with SA, can the Minister guarantee that scheduled housing investment will be supported by essential infrastructure and services?

Answer:

Capital works funding under the National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing mandates that all capital works activity (construction and acquisition) that produces new housing stock, rebuilds and refurbishments is connected to essential infrastructure.