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Question:

How many applications have been made for the purchase of land by Aboriginal corporations or individuals?

Answer:

Since its establishment the ILC has purchased 252 properties for Indigenous groups (covering more than 6 million hectares), investing some \$535 million. The ILC does not purchase land for individuals.

For the period 2011 to 2016 the ILC:

1. received 75 applications for land acquisition assistance
2. purchased 17 properties, investing some \$17,227,689.

Thirteen of the 17 properties purchased have been granted to the Indigenous corporation on whose behalf they were purchased.

Details of these properties and the rationale for their acquisition are in Attachment A.

The successful applicants were able to demonstrate: economic viability of the proposed land use; value for money in terms of the cost of the acquisition to Indigenous benefits to be delivered; and strong governance and security necessary to own and manage the property sustainably.

ILC land acquisitions, 2011–16

Property	ILC acquisition investment	Indigenous group	Purpose of acquisition
1. 57 Southgate Avenue, Brisbane, Qld	\$2,375,000	Gallang Place Aboriginal Corporation	To house Gallang Place's counselling and mental health services as well as its VET-accredited training (in counselling and mental health services)
2. Sheridan Street, Cairns, Qld	\$2,000,000	Cape York Partnerships (CYP)	To houses CYP's education, employment, enterprise, welfare reform, leadership, social, family, finance and cultural programs and services; purchased in partnership with CYP
3. Bramell Street, Perth, WA	\$1,150,000	Yorgum Aboriginal Corporation	To house Yorgum's <i>Bringing Them Home</i> services: Link Up, family history research, healing and support services, etc.
4. Gowan Brae, Tas.	\$1,224,587	Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania	To conserve the property's cultural and environmental values, in partnership with the National Reserve System
5. Mount Barker, Vic.	\$400,000	Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation	To restore land of significant cultural and spiritual importance to Dja Dja Wurrung clans
6. Panatana, Tas.	\$351,750	Six Rivers Aboriginal Corporation	To conserve significant cultural and environmental values, in partnership with Tasmanian Land Conservancy
7. Mella Road, Smithton, Tas.	\$255,000	Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation	To house a range of social and cultural programs for Indigenous community
8. Hoddle Street, Abbotsford, Vic.	\$1,500,000	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporation Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service (AFVPLS)	To provide the metropolitan head office for AFVPLS and accommodate legal services, policy and community education functions of the organisation; sections of the property sublet to complementary service providers building a 'one stop shop' model for clients seeking assistance
9. Mertin Street, Bourke, NSW	\$600,000	Maari Ma Health Aboriginal Corporation (Maari Ma)	To provide premises for Murdi Paaki Regional Assembly and for a community service hub

10. 35 Gladstone Street, Perth, WA	\$2,100,000	Nyoongar Patrol System Inc (NPSI)	To accommodate NPSI and expand its provision of early-intervention strategies addressing social and welfare needs of Indigenous people at risk of self-harm, homelessness, family violence, substance abuse and/or entering the criminal justice system; the property provides an operational base including office, training/meeting and vehicle facilities
11. White Avenue, Mount Gambier, SA	\$710,000	Burrardies Aboriginal Corporation	To support delivery of social and employment and training services to Mt Gambier Aboriginal community, including the operation of a small horticultural enterprise
12. Sussex Street, Mayland, WA	\$650,000	Noongar Mia Mia Pty Ltd (NMM)	To provide secure premises for NMM to conduct its core business of property management and service delivery to current and potential Indigenous tenants
13. Bryant, Homerton, Vic.	\$289,997	Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation	To provide a property of cultural and environmental significance to the Gunditj Mara people; native title holders manage the property to protect its heritage and generate income through small-scale tourism
14. Talaroo Station, Mount Surprise, Qld	\$1,532,000	Ewamian Aboriginal Corporation	To add 31,500 ha to the Indigenous estate and to Australia's National Reserve System within the under-represented Einasleigh Uplands bioregion; Traditional Owners undertake a range of activities including conservation and land management and cultural reconnection/revitalisation; purchased in partnership with the former Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities
15. Mawonga, Hillston, NSW	\$387,000	Winangakirri Aboriginal Corporation	To add 22,373 ha to the Indigenous estate in an under-represented bioregion to the National Reserve System while enabling Indigenous people to derive benefits from ownership and management of the conservation estate; purchased in partnership with the former Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities

16. Kings Run, Tas.(<u>acquisition in progress; expected to be settled December 2016</u>)	\$652,355	Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania	To purchase a National Heritage-listed western Tasmanian Aboriginal cultural landscape of importance to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community; purchased in partnership with Tasmanian Land Conservancy and private donations
17. Wooree Miya Women's Refuge, Perth, WA	\$1,050,000	Aboriginal Alcohol and Drug Service	To construct a best-practice, culturally appropriate refuge facility, providing crisis accommodation and support services to women and children escaping domestic violence; construction and fit out contributed by State and Australian Government partners and Lotterywest