

part 2

PERFORMANCE reporting

Figure 3: Outcome and Output Structure 2007–08.

Output

*Assistance in the acquisition
and management of land.*



Outcome

*Provide economic, environmental, social
and cultural benefits for Aboriginal persons
and Torres Strait Islanders by assisting
in the acquisition and management of
an Indigenous land base.*

The ILC has two programs: Land Acquisition and Land Management. Projects are developed in each program through one of two mechanisms:

1. Indigenous organisations apply to an annual call for applications; or
2. The ILC initiates Strategic Projects that respond to opportunities to deliver significant benefits, often in partnership with other agencies.

Call for Applications

In 2007–08, the Board decided on a new process for receiving applications: an annual call for land acquisition and land management assistance. The process enables the Board to relatively assess applications and support those that best:

- Deliver training and create sustainable employment; and
- Secure project partners that bring money and support.

In developing the new application process, best practice options were researched and a range of grant funding agencies were consulted. This included examining comparative assessment and granting methods recommended by the Australian National Audit Office.

Program Criteria

To ensure support for sustainable land uses and projects, the ILC rigorously assesses applications against a set of program criteria. Some criteria are specific to the program, but all projects must demonstrate that:

- Achievable and sustainable benefits will be delivered to Indigenous people;
- Applicants have the capacity to manage the proposed land use;
- The land use will be viable and sustainable in the long term;
- The land will be suitable for the proposed land use; and
- Sound business, land and environmental practices will be followed.

Strategic Projects

The ILC initiates projects to create significant training and sustainable employment outcomes for Indigenous people when opportunities arise. Projects use the land acquisition and/or land management programs to:

1. Develop a viable and sustainable commercial business; and
2. Train and employ Indigenous people to build work readiness and the capacity to own and operate the business.

In most cases, these projects involve partnerships with other agencies to maximise the benefits delivered and the sustainability of the project.

Student Hostels – Supporting Education of Indigenous Youth

To achieve the Board's education priority, the ILC is working in partnership with other agencies and stakeholders to deliver boarding facilities for Indigenous secondary students. Hostels are being developed in Weipa and three locations in the NT to be determined following consultations with communities. In some locations, the ILC will assist with acquisition of land and, in others, the ILC will contribute to construction and land management costs.

- *An artist's impression of the street view of the new National Indigenous Development Centre under construction at Redfern.*

