Schedule 4.4

Indigenous Economic Development

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The Parties Agree that the issues to be addressed are:

• The Indigenous Economic Development (IED) Strategy
  [http://www.nt.gov.au/cdsca/ied/docs/ied_strategy.pdf](http://www.nt.gov.au/cdsca/ied/docs/ied_strategy.pdf) is an evolving Strategy to identify, facilitate and coordinate the implementation of programs, activities, initiatives and partnerships which will result in an improved quality of life through advances in the economic status of Indigenous Territorians.

• The Strategy is being developed as a living document with defined action outcomes and set timeframes for delivery of outcomes.

• Long-term economic growth and prosperity will be measured largely through increases in Indigenous wealth, employment and business ownership
• A range of issues affects opportunities for delivering IED outcomes. These include numeracy, literacy and oral skills, financial literacy, welfare dependency, social conditions, demography, community infrastructure, skills base, land tenure, access to capital and levels of economic activity and employment in communities.

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• Considerable effort needs to be applied to determining effective delivery of program support, existing and new, to align community aspirations with practical opportunities for wealth generation and business development.

• This includes coordination of support programs within Government; identifying gaps and barriers where they exist; and delivering strategies to overcome these gaps and barriers

The Parties Agree:

• The Schedule team will coordinate annual or bi-annual meetings and through this mechanism assist in giving context to other schedules

• Provide constructive input to training initiatives directly linked to jobs and related economic development initiatives that relate to Schedules 2.1 (Territory Workforce Development) and 3.4 (VET delivery in NT).
  - Construction
  - Caring for Country (Ranger programs – land and marine)
  - Tourism
  - Arts, media and knowledge-based
  - Pastoral
  - Mining
  - Horticulture and Forestry
  - Fisheries and Aquaculture
  - Community-based Businesses
  - Health Services
  - Policing
  - Education
• Develop strategies under this schedule that will determine research priorities linked to the delivery and evaluation of IED initiatives identified and implemented within the IED Strategy (including commercial use of wildlife by Indigenous people as per Schedule 4.1).

• The Schedule will work in consultation with the Commonwealth Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and will be co-ordinated with Commonwealth Government initiatives whenever possible.

The Parties Agree that initial strategies for Schedule Development will be:

1. To scope and develop a project plan for quantitative and qualitative research aimed at measuring Indigenous economic development, including:
   i. determining and defining base-line data
   ii. measuring key performance indicators and evaluating the effectiveness of IED strategic initiatives

2. To develop and implement specific research projects as follows:
   i. Regional studies of business opportunities
   ii. Governance arrangements, including defining existing and new mechanisms and structures for the effective delivery of initiatives
   iii. Identification of opportunities in natural resource management

3. To scope the immediate training requirements in industry sectors identified within the IED Strategy and refer this training demand to Schedule 3.4 of the Partnership Agreement for implementation in partnership with DEET.

The Parties Agree that the Goals and Targets for Phase One are

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Strategy

Provide input into training requirements in tandem with the development and implementation of the IED Strategy

July 2005