



The South West Native Title Settlement

Noongar Housing Properties

The South West Native Title Settlement (Settlement) is a landmark native title agreement negotiated between the Noongar people and the Western Australian Government (WA Government). The Settlement commenced on 25 February 2021.

The Settlement, involving six Noongar Native Title Agreement Groups, and covering 200,000 square kilometres of land, represents significant social and economic investment in the Noongar community and the shared future of Western Australia.

For the latest Settlement information visit wa.gov.au (the WA Government website)

Transfer of Noongar Housing Properties

Under the Settlement Agreements, the WA Department of Communities will transfer 121 properties, located in the South West region and metropolitan Perth, to the Noongar Boodja Trust (NBT), to support Noongar housing outcomes. The properties will be transferred in freehold.

The properties are variously located in the Perth metropolitan area and a number of towns across the Settlement area.

To protect the confidentiality of current tenancy agreements, specific property locations remain confidential.



Map of the Settlement Area showing the six Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) ('Settlement Agreement') area boundaries

Funds to refurbish properties

Upon transfer of houses to the NBT, the Department of Communities will make funding available through a \$10m Housing Fund for the refurbishment, upgrade, repair or demolition of the properties. The Noongar Boodja Trustee (Trustee) will be responsible for these works.

How will the properties be used?

The NBT will hold the properties, and must manage, invest and/or develop them in consultation with the NBT's Noongar Advisory Company and Investment Committee, and the relevant Noongar Regional Corporation/s, for the benefit of the Noongar Community.

The Trustee will work with the Noongar Community, through the six Noongar Regional Corporations and the Central Services Corporation, and the relevant NBT Committees, to develop a broader Noongar Housing Strategy. The Strategy will guide decisions in relation to the properties, and identify broader opportunities to improve Noongar housing outcomes.

Properties may be developed through a combination of refurbishment and redevelopment, sale, commercial exploitation, and/or rental.

Will existing tenants be affected?

Not all of the properties that are to be transferred to the NBT, are tenanted. The timing of the transfers will take into account the needs of existing tenants and the terms of their lease agreements. The Department of Communities will manage this process to minimise impacts on current tenants.

Further information

Further information about the Settlement, including the six ILUAs made in compliance with the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993* can be found on the website of the WA Government

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/south-west-native-title-settlement>