



**Expressions of interest
Independent steering committee member
Darwin based**

The Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the Northern Territory Aboriginal Corporation (APONT) is seeking independent members of the steering committee overseeing the NTRAI capacity building and sector strengthening grants program.

Who we are

APONT is a not-for-profit Aboriginal organisation based in Darwin, Northern Territory.

Our members are the peak Aboriginal bodies and include the North Australian Aboriginal Justice Agency (NAAJA), Central Land Council (CLC), Northern Land Council, Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC), Tiwi Land Council (TLC) Aboriginal Medical Services Alliance of the NT (AMSANT), Aboriginal Housing NT (AHNT) and NT Indigenous Business Network (NTIBN). APONT was created to provide a more effective response to key issues of joint interest and concern affecting Aboriginal people in the Northern Territory, including providing policy solutions to government.

APONT is committed to increasing Aboriginal involvement in policy development and implementation, and to expanding opportunities for Aboriginal community control. APONT also seeks to strengthen networks between peak Aboriginal organisations and smaller regional Aboriginal organisations across the Northern Territory. A key responsibility of APONT is to ensure the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments are meeting their commitments to Closing the Gap targets and priority reforms.

About the NTRAI and sector strengthening

Through the Northern Territory Remote Aboriginal Investment (NTRAI) of \$843 million over six years, the Australian Government, Northern Territory Government and APONT are working in partnership to support critical services, strengthen shared decision-making and improve outcomes in remote Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.

The NTRAI capacity building and sector strengthening grants program supports the growth, capability and sustainability of Aboriginal community controlled organisations and the broader Aboriginal community-controlled sector. The funding is intended to build organisational capacity, enable stronger service delivery, support Aboriginal-led priorities and contribute to Closing the Gap commitments, including building the Aboriginal community-controlled sector and strengthening formal partnerships and shared decision-making.

The NTRAI capacity building and sector strengthening grants program will be overseen by a steering committee, comprised of members from the partners and an independent member.

About the role

The independent member of the steering committee will provide impartial and professional advice and oversight. The role will help ensure funding decisions and committee processes are transparent, accountable, culturally informed and aligned with the committee's terms of reference, NTRAI objectives and Aboriginal community-controlled sector priorities.

Key responsibilities

- Provide independent governance, probity and strategic advice to support fair, transparent and accountable decision-making.
- Contribute to assessment, prioritisation and oversight of capacity building and sector strengthening activities.
- Support alignment between funded activities, the committee's terms of reference, NTRA objectives and Closing the Gap priority reforms.
- Promote Aboriginal-led approaches, culturally safe practices and strong engagement with the Aboriginal community-controlled sector.
- Identify risks, opportunities and practical improvements to strengthen funding implementation and outcomes.

About you

- Experience serving on boards, committees or similar groups, ideally in government, community, not-for-profit or Aboriginal community-controlled settings.
- A good understanding of fair decision-making, managing conflicts of interest, risk and funding processes.
- A genuine commitment to Aboriginal self-determination, community control and Closing the Gap reforms.
- The confidence to give independent, balanced and practical advice in a partnership environment.
- Strong communication skills and the ability to work respectfully with Aboriginal leaders, organisations, governments and other stakeholders.

Commitment and how to apply

The appointment is expected to involve attendance at steering committee meetings of approximately one-half day per month. Appointments are reviewed every 12 months. No remuneration is payable but costs of attendance at meetings will be met by APONT. A terms of reference is available upon request.

To express interest, please provide a current CV and a brief cover letter addressing the key responsibilities of the role. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply. Applications close: 17 July 2026. For further information, contact: Anthony Beven, APONT acting CEO on 0419 218 518 or via email secretariat@apont.org.au.

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