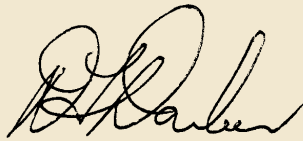


**The Hon Loraine Braham, MLA
Minister for Local Government
Parliament House
DARWIN NT 0800**

Dear Minister

In accordance with section 16 of the *Local Government Grants Commission Act 1986*, I have pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report for the Commission on its activities for 1999/2000. Included in the report are the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2000.

Yours sincerely



**DON DARBEN AO
Chairman**

8th November 2000

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AIMS OF THIS REPORT

This is the fourteenth annual report of the Northern Territory Grants Commission in respect of Commonwealth financial assistance to local governing bodies. It is a requirement under section 16 of the *Local Government Grants Commission Act 1986* that the Annual Report be presented to the Minister.

The report aims to provide information on the distribution of funding provided to the Northern Territory's local governing bodies under the Commonwealth's *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*, as well as provide information on the objectives, performance, future direction and financial position of the Commission. The report is intended to convey sufficient and relevant information on the Commission's programs and performance to any agency, organisation or individual with interests in its operation and functioning.

ORGANISATION AND PEOPLE

Membership

The *Local Government Grants Commission Act 1986* provides for a Commission of four members, consisting of:

- a Chairman appointed by the Minister;
- the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Agency primarily responsible to the Minister for the administration of the Act, or his delegate; and
- two members appointed by the Minister; one representing the interests of municipal councils and the other representing the interests of community government councils and approved local governing bodies.

In 1999/2000 the members of the Commission were:

Mr Don Darben AO	(Re-appointed Chairman 11 June 1999)
Mr David Coles	(Appointed 8 October 1997)
Mr David Norton	(Re-appointed 11 June 1999)
Mr Francis Kelly	(Appointed 4 February 1998)

Members' Profiles

Don Darben AO

Don is a Civil Engineer who first came to the N.T. in 1956 and served in Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. He left the N.T. in 1959, but returned in 1965 to manage the Beef Roads Projects from Katherine. He was promoted to Darwin as Chief Engineer Roads for N.T in 1974.

He became the Secretary of Transport and Works in 1978 and subsequently Secretary of Lands and Primary Industries and Fisheries in 1988. As Secretary of Lands he was appointed Chairman of the Palmerston Development Authority in August 1981. Don was appointed Secretary of the Chief Minister's Department in August 1990 and retired from this position in April 1991.

David Coles

David was appointed the Assistant Secretary of the then Department of Housing & Local Government from October 1996. He is now the Deputy Secretary, Department of Local Government.

Since his arrival in the Northern Territory in 1984, David has worked in the Department of Community Development, Territory Health Services and Department of the Chief Minister in senior policy development positions.

From 1987 David spent two and a half years as a Ministerial Officer to two Ministers for Health and Community Services. He completed the Executive Management Program in 1993 and a Masters in International Management in 1997.

David Norton

David Jeffery Norton has been involved in local government since 1977 when he started work for the London Borough of Croydon Planning Department.

He has been a Jabiru Town Councillor since May 1992 and currently holds other local government positions, such as: the Jabiru Town Council Administration Chairman, Jabiru Wind Festival delegate and Chairman, Jabiru Territory Anti Litter Chairman, and Kakadu Visitor Organisation delegate.

David is also involved on several other committees and associations in Jabiru. For example the National Committee for Regional Co-operation and Development, NT Grants Municipal Commissioner, Jabiru Lions Club Treasurer, Jabiru Blue Light Ventures Treasurer and the ABC radio 8DDD Local Correspondent, just to name a few. For the past four years he has been the Local Government Association of the NT, Municipal Vice President.

David's hobbies and interests include organising music festivals, raising money for community projects, the cinema, natural history and keeping his 1973 Valiant Wagon on the road.

Francis Kelly

Francis Jupurrula Kelly has an extensive background in community affairs. He has been a Yuendumu Community Government Council member for five years, acting as Junior Vice President in that time. He is a keen debator in Council meetings, known for his quick tongue and his sense of humour.

Francis, years ago trained as a dental therapist. He was employed by Walpiri Media as a film maker and photographer, working with visiting film crews. He recently accepted an international indigenous film award for the film " Bush Mechanics". He has also worked for the Council as a labourer. He is a trained Aboriginal Health Worker. Currently in addition to being a Councillor, Francis is a member of the Yuendumu Clinic Health

Advisory Council and a member of the Yuendumu Child Care Centre Steering Committee.

He is also an accomplished artist. In 1996 he designed and painted "Altogether - Sharing Many Ways: Jangkumirnimirni" commissioned by the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory. This painting, showing relationships between Federal, State and Aboriginal Local Government, has been widely used on pamphlets and posters depicting local government in the Northern Territory. Francis has also completed a recent painting on the role of the Grants Commission.

Administration and Staffing

The costs of operation of the Commission for the year were met by funds appropriated to the Department of Local Government. The operational expenditure for 1999/2000 was \$113,774 compared to \$75,484 in 1998/1999.

The Executive Officer, Mr Ted Clark and Ms Donna McLeod of the Department of Local Government, coordinated the visitation program and assisted with the Commission's activities by providing executive support to the Commission.

OVERVIEW

Background

On 1 July 1986 the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act* came into force. A subsequent review of this legislation led to the enactment of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*. This Commonwealth legislation provides for the total Northern Territory population to be taken into account in determining its global financial entitlement, relative to the other Australian States. The Act requires each State and the Northern Territory to establish a Local Government Grants Commission.

Under section 6(1) of the Act, the Commonwealth Minister, after consulting the relevant State Ministers and with a bodies representative of local government, formulated national principles. These principles are for the purpose of allocating to States, amounts payable to local governing bodies, under this Act. In formulating the National Principles (see **Appendix A**), the Minister:

- (a) is to have regard to the need to ensure that the allocation of funds for local government purposes is made, as far as practicable, on a full horizontal equalisation basis; but
- (b) must ensure that no local governing body will be allocated an amount in a year that is less than the amount that would be allocated to the body if 30% of the amount which the State/Territory is entitled in respect of the year was allocated among local governing bodies on a per capita basis.

Local government councils incorporated under either the municipal or community government provisions of the Northern Territory *Local Government Act* are, like those similarly incorporated in other States, eligible to receive Commonwealth financial assistance as of right. Communities which have not been formally incorporated under that Act, but have been approved by the respective Commonwealth and Northern Territory Governments as local governing bodies, are also included in the distribution of Commonwealth financial assistance and local roads grants.

Vision

The Grants Commission has a vision to allocate all funding in an equitable, transparent and culturally sensitive manner.

Mission Statement

The Grants Commission's mission is to make recommendations to the Commonwealth Government, through the Northern Territory Minister for Local Government, on the distribution of financial assistance and local roads grants to local governing bodies within the Northern Territory.

Functions

- The Commission makes recommendations to the Federal Minister in respect of the amounts of money to be allocated to local governing bodies from the money provided to the Territory by the Commonwealth under the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*.
- The Commission also makes recommendations on such other matters relating to the finances of local governing bodies as the Northern Territory Minister for Local Government, from time to time, refers to the Commission.

Performance against Objectives

To develop and implement policies which ensure the equitable distribution of Commonwealth funding to Northern Territory local governing bodies.

Policy development is an ongoing commitment within the Commission. This year it has refined its policies relating to the recognition of local roads and outstation populations being serviced by councils outside their community government areas, and the accepted boundaries of approved local governing bodies.

To continuously review the distribution processes for Commonwealth funding to Northern Territory local governing bodies in the interests of funding equity.

In 1996 a partial review was undertaken of the Commission's funding methodology in relation to Commonwealth financial assistance and local roads funding. The Commission has also used 1996 Census data to refresh a number of funding methodology items.

A review of the methodology was commenced during the year.

To assess the relative difficulties each local governing body encounters in the provision of local government services.

In 1999/2000 the Commission held public hearings throughout the Northern Territory, and continued its rolling program of visits to local governing bodies, to gain information on difficulties with local government services delivery. In addition, the Commission invited all local governing bodies, and other interested parties, to submit comments or proposals in relation to any aspect of the funding methodology.

To visit and consult with all local governing bodies included in the grants programs, over a three year period.

The Commission has a policy of visiting every local governing body in the Northern Territory over a three year period. Those councils visited this year are identified under the Recommendations section of this report.

To develop improved mechanisms for the collection, storage and analysis of information and comparative data for community needs assessment.

In the interests of funding equity the Commission continues to collect a variety of core data, relating to a council's relative cost of service provision and revenue raising capacity, directly from all councils. The data return forms distributed were submitted through the Department of Local Government's regional offices for verification prior to the submission to the Commission.

Grants Commission data is also in the process of inclusion in the Community Information Access System (CIAS) database. This system has been initiated by the Department of Local Government to provide a comprehensive data source in relation to all communities.

In 1996 the Commission commenced a process of digitising and colour coded road status maps indicating the road responsibilities of each council in the Northern Territory. This has proved a very successful method of updating road data responsibilities. The digitising process ensures that annual updating in a cost effective manner is possible.

The feasibility of including the road maps in the CIAS data base was undertaken during the year.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES IN 1999/2000

Review of the FAG Methodology

Following a request from the Minister, the Northern Territory Grants Commission (NTGC) is undertaking a comprehensive and detailed review of the methodology used to distribute Commonwealth general purpose and identified roads financial assistance grants, and of the processes of the Commission.

The review is taking place over an 18 month period and utilising the expertise in the Department of Local Government and consultants where necessary. Extensive consultation with stakeholders and the wider community is a fundamental part of the review.

However, because of the review of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* by the Commonwealth Grants Commission at the request of the Commonwealth, the Commission has postponed final consideration of the methodology pending outcome of the Commonwealth Grants Commission's review.

Annual Conference

The National Conference of Local Government Grants Commissions was held at the Carlton Hotel Darwin in October 1999.

The theme of the conference was "Service Delivery". Remote Area Service Delivery papers were presented by, Mr Danny Munkara, President, Ngiuu Community Government Council, Ms Therese Bourke, President, Pirlangimpi Community Government Council, Mr Gibson Farmer, President, Milikapiti Community Government Council and Mr Tony Tapsell, Council Clerk, Jabiru Town Council

Papers for Service Delivery at the Local Level were presented by Mr Nick Scarvelis, CEO, Alice Springs Town Council, Mr Allan Hudson, Council Clerk, Lajamanu Community Government Council and Mr Xavier Desmarchelier representing Kardu Numida Council Inc.

Other Guest speakers were Mr Geof Watts, Director of Economic Policy, Department of Transport and Regional Development and Mr Malcolm Nicholas, Assistant Secretary of the Commonwealth Grants Commission.

A very successful tour of the Tiwi Islands was attended by all Delegates, which provided a first hand experience with a Northern Territory remote community. Delegates were also invited to attend a reception of the Lord Mayor of the municipality of Darwin.

Partners of the delegates were treated to complimentary day park tours of, "Windows on The Wetlands", "The Territory Wildlife Park" and "Crocodylus Park".

Executive Officers' Meeting

In late April 2000 the National Office of Local Government sponsored a meeting of the Executive Officers from each State. The meeting discussed a number of issues facing the Commission, particularly the review of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*, by the Commonwealth Grants Commission.

Visits to Local Governing Bodies

The rolling program of Commission visits has continued for the 1999/2000 year. This program takes three years for a full cycle, although special circumstances may warrant occasional departure from the pre-planned program. The 27 locations visited this year are listed in Appendix F.

While the main areas of interest relate to population and roads, the Commission also discusses the difficulties that local governing bodies experience in providing services to their respective communities and outstations. This provides an ongoing review of the community disability factors.

At several councils, the Commission was concerned at the lack of maintenance of local roads/street infrastructure. Sealed streets are being constructed as part of housing projects, but from discussions with councils, it would seem that maintenance of streets is not included in the project development process. Councils advise that patching and resealing programmes are expensive and are outside Councils' financial capabilities. This problem may become a major issue in future years.

In addition to the visits program, the Commission continues to extend its standing invitation to all local governing bodies and other interested parties to submit comments, or proposals regarding the refinement of any aspect of the methodology.

Many councils that were visited this year chose to make either informal or formal submissions to the Commission. The Commission thanks those councils for their contributions which were an invaluable, additional source of information.

The Commission also expresses its concern that at a number of councils visited during the year, no councilors were present. This is showing a disturbing trend bordering on antipathy to the work of the Commission.

Public Hearings

In accordance with section 11 of the Commonwealth legislation, the Commission held public hearings throughout the Territory. Attendance at these hearings was mainly by representatives of the councils in whose precincts the hearings were held. No members of the public attended any meetings, while the attendance by members of remote councils was very small in numbers. This may indicate that many councils are content to rely on the Commission's rotational visits program

to facilitate feedback to the Commissioners. The three locations visited this year are listed in Appendix F.

Data Collection Returns

The Commission requires all local governing bodies to complete annual returns which show population data, road lengths and specific financial data. The annual returns were mailed to councils in early November 1999 and completed returns were required back by 15 February 2000.

The completed returns were generally of a poor standard again this year with little care being taken in their preparation. Where returns are of a poor standard the Commission makes the best possible judgement on the basis of information it obtains from departmental officers so that services to people do not suffer as a result of the administrative deficiencies of their council.

Seventeen local governing bodies failed to lodge completed returns by the due date which delayed the final deliberations. These were:

- Barunga Manyallaluk Community Government Council
- Belyuen Community Government Council
- Daguragu Community Government Council
- Gulin Gulin and Weemol Community Council Aboriginal Corporation
- Imanpa Community Inc.
- Jilkminggan Community Government Council
- Lajamanu Community Government Council
- Litchfield Shire Council
- Ltyentye Purte Community Government Council
- Maningrida Council Inc.
- Mataranka Community Government Council
- Minjilang Community Inc.
- Timber Creek Community Government Council
- Peppimenarti Community Council Inc.
- Warruwi Community Inc.
- Willowra Community Inc.
- Milingimbi Community Inc.

The local governing bodies concerned are reminded that the accurate and timely preparation of the data required is an essential element to the grant calculation.

Annual Financial Statements

Regulation 11 of the *Local Government (Accounting) Regulations*, stipulates that a copy of the local governing bodies Audited Annual Financial Statements be forwarded to the Chairman of the Northern Territory Grants Commission, no later than 31 October.

For financial year 1998/1999 the following local governing bodies failed to lodge their Annual Financial Statements by the date specified.

Belyuen Community Government Council
Cox Peninsula Community Government Council
Kardu Numida Inc.
Kunbarllanjja Community Government Council
Jabiru Town Council
Maningrida Council Inc.
Milikapiti Community Government Council
Minjilang Community Inc.
Nganmarriyanga Community Inc.
Peppimenarti Community Council Inc.
Pirlangimpi Community Government Council
Barunga Manyallaluk Community Government Council
Daguragu Community Government Council
Gulin Gulin and Weemol Community Council Aboriginal Corp.
Jilkminggan Community Government Council
Lajamanu Community Government Council
Mataranka Community Government Council
Pine Creek Community Government Council
Timber Creek Community Government Council
Walangeri Ngumpinku Community Government Council
Yugal Mangi Community Government Council
Elliott District Community Government Council
Aherrenge Association Inc.
Amoonguna Community Inc.
Anmatjere Community Government Council
Ikuntji Council Inc.
Imanpa Community Inc.
Kaltukatjara Community Council Aboriginal Corp.
Ntaria Council (Hermannsburg) Inc.
Tapatjatjaka Community Government Council
Urapuntja Council Aboriginal Corp.
Willowra Community Inc.
Yuelamu Community Inc.
Angurugu Community Government Council
Galiwinku Community Inc.

Gapuwiyak Community Inc.
Marrngarr Community Government Council
Milingimbi Community Inc.
Milyakburra Community Council Inc.
Ramingining Community Council Inc.
Umbakumba Community Council Inc.
Yirrkala Dhanbul Community Association Inc.

Submissions

The following councils made submissions to the Commission at the Public Hearings held in May 1999:

Alice Springs Town Council
Tennant Creek Town Council
Katherine Town Council
Palmerston Town Council
Litchfield Shire Council
Darwin City Council

Payments 1999/2000

During 1999/2000 the grants continued to be paid in quarterly instalments. The total payments to local governing bodies during 1999/2000 are summarised below:

24 August 1999	\$4,487,338
17 November 1999	\$4,468,458
16 February 2000	\$4,468,458
17 May 2000	\$4,525,094
Total Payments	\$17,949,348

Part of the May/ June 2000 visit



Left to Right - Community Development Officer, Bob Thompson, Council Clerk David Langdon, Executive Officer, Ted Clark, Chairman Don Darben, Administrative Officer, Cynthia Langdon, Commissioners, David Coles, Francis Kelly and David Norton and Community Development Officer Cynthia Lang at Kaltukatjara Community Council Aboriginal Corp. (Docker River).



Front to Back - Executive Officer Ted Clark, and Commissioners David Coles and Francis Kelly at Ikuntji Council Inc. Commissioner Coles's comment " All she needs is a new set of tyres and it will be a beauty down on the property at Batchelor.."

RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION 1 - SCHEDULE OF ESTIMATED ENTITLEMENT

In accordance with section 12 of the *Local Government Grants Commission Act*, the Commission recommends the following grants to local governing bodies:

All general purpose recommendations conform with section 6(2)(b) of the Commonwealth *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* in allocating amounts that are no less than those to which local governing bodies would be eligible to receive if 30% of the total to which the Northern Territory is entitled (ie \$9,315,740) was distributed among local governing bodies on a per capita basis.

Roads funds totaling \$9,508,998 were divided on weighted road length. Additionally, a base or minimum figure of \$20,000 has been adopted for all councils as it is felt that a derived figure of less than this amount was not commensurate with a realistic acceptance of road maintenance and responsibility.

Council	Population	General Purpose \$	Roads \$	Total \$
Aherrenge	387	65,607	22,019	87,626
Ali Curung	450	54,079	48,608	102,687
Alice Springs	29,791	868,952	643,102	1,512,054
Alpururulam	713	67,227	20,000	87,227
Amoonguna	261	33,767	20,000	53,767
Angurugu	910	73,625	87,927	161,552
Anmatjere	1,435	136,813	82,258	219,071
Aputula	206	45,515	29,032	74,547
Areyonga	257	47,327	29,059	76,386
Arltarpilta	266	53,341	20,000	73,341
Barunga Manyallaluk	532	61,520	77,637	139,157
Belyuen	250	36,775	29,629	66,404
Binjari	255	33,053	20,000	53,053
Borrooloola	891	53,810	46,034	99,844
Coomalie	1,557	129,506	271,728	401,234
Cox Peninsula	252	13,644	41,382	55,026
Daguragu	716	72,331	86,880	159,211
Darwin	72,582	1,579,157	1,327,809	2,906,966
Elliott	627	36,767	20,000	56,767
Galiwinku	1,609	175,672	141,101	316,773
Gapuwiyak	1,034	114,381	122,808	237,189
Gulin Gulin/Weemol	342	49,253	24,252	73,505
Ikuntji	180	59,867	34,441	94,308

Council	Population	General Purpose \$	Roads \$	Total \$
Imanpa	151	41,663	22,062	63,725
Jabiru	2,160	56,148	72,989	129,137
Jilkminggan	195	33,386	20,000	53,386
Kaltukatjara	362	72,352	83,045	155,397
Kardu Numida	2,010	191,382	103,368	294,750
Katherine	11,399	534,380	439,528	973,908
Kunbarllanjna	1,046	208,930	388,624	597,554
Lajamanu	1,103	96,494	68,366	164,860
Litchfield	14,979	734,758	1,256,552	1,991,310
Ltyentye Purte	569	54,857	67,574	122,431
Maningrida	2,009	189,952	98,177	288,129
Marngarr	321	33,556	20,000	53,556
Mataranka	368	22,315	42,730	65,045
Milikapiti	487	57,911	106,685	164,596
Milingimbi	801	68,637	32,181	100,818
Milyakburra	232	66,413	57,177	123,590
Minjilang	236	48,805	59,922	108,727
Naiyu Nambiyu	462	56,479	83,154	139,633
Nganmariyanga	364	54,471	49,504	103,975
Nguiu	1,441	136,826	175,976	312,802
Ntaria	590	61,525	82,366	143,891
Numbulwar Numburindi	1,153	130,930	134,210	265,140
Nyirripi	301	62,186	66,065	128,251
Palmerston	19,324	742,544	404,728	1,147,272
Papunya	304	53,557	65,710	119,267
Peppimenarti	236	88,682	101,015	189,697
Pine Creek	594	40,571	108,552	149,123
Pirlangimpi	335	47,832	76,870	124,702
Ramingining	647	98,277	126,589	224,866
Tapatjatjaka	236	40,388	20,000	60,388
Tennant Creek	3,956	259,331	139,776	399,107
Timber Creek	302	47,307	103,791	151,098
Umbakumba	493	66,744	77,837	144,581
Urapuntja	880	107,598	60,271	167,869
Walangeri Ngumpinku	474	63,730	20,000	83,730
Wallace Rockhole	174	35,529	20,000	55,529
Walungurru	434	75,883	102,245	178,128
Warruwi	365	57,361	75,787	133,148
Watiyawanu	260	48,730	20,000	68,730
Willowra	445	67,424	76,453	143,877
Wugularr	528	50,421	46,356	96,777

Council	Population	General Purpose \$	Roads \$	Total \$
Yirrkala Dhanbul	917	73,345	52,007	125,352
Yuelamu	227	58,018	53,794	111,812
Yuendumu	1,070	123,762	183,643	307,405
Yugul Mangi	1,516	192,361	146,177	338,538
Sub-total	191,959	9,315,740	8,857,562	18,173,302
Trust Account (LGANT)*	-	-	516,010	516,010
Tennant Creek Remote**	-	-	135,426	135,426
Total	191,959	9,315,740	9,508,998	18,824,738

* A trust account, administered by LGANT, ensures the continued maintenance of those local roads that could not logically be "allocated" to a local governing body.

** In recent years Tennant Creek Town Council agreed to accept responsibility for those "unallocated" roads within the Barkly Region. From 2000/2001 responsibility for these roads will revert to LGANT.

RECOMMENDATION 2 - SCHEDULE OF UNDERPAYMENT 1999/2000

The "Estimated Paid Entitlements" in 1999/2000 were \$8,919,099 general purpose and \$8,140,518 roads. The actual entitlements for that year were \$8,938,475 general purpose and \$9,152,948 roads. Underpayments totalling \$19,376 and \$12,430 respectively have therefore occurred.

The underpayments have been distributed on the same basis as the original distribution of the estimated entitlements.

Council	Paid Entitlement 1999/2000		Actual Entitlement 1999/2000		Difference		Total
	General Purpose	Roads	General Purpose	Roads	General Purpose	Roads	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Aherrenge	69,060	22,059	69,234	22,090	174	31	205
Ali Curung	56,925	48,698	57,068	48,766	143	68	211
Alice Springs	914,686	649,620	916,991	650,525	2,305	905	3,210
Alpurrurulam	70,765	20,000	70,943	20,000	178	0	178
Amoonguna	35,544	20,000	35,634	20,000	90	0	90
Angurugu	75,500	88,090	75,690	88,213	190	123	313
Anmatjere	143,273	81,563	143,634	81,677	361	114	475
Aputula	47,911	29,086	48,032	29,127	121	41	162
Areyonga	49,818	28,969	49,944	29,010	126	41	167
Arltarlpilta	56,148	20,000	56,290	20,000	142	0	142
Barunga Manyallaluk	60,353	77,781	60,505	77,889	152	108	260
Belyuen	38,711	29,684	38,808	29,726	97	42	139
Binjari	34,793	20,000	34,881	20,000	88	0	88
Borrooloola	56,642	46,053	56,784	46,117	142	64	206
Coomalie	84,206	254,339	84,206	254,694	0	355	355
Cox Peninsula	14,362	40,886	14,362	40,943	0	57	57
Daguragu	70,022	87,042	70,198	87,163	176	121	297
Darwin	1,338,046	1,330,276	1,341,419	1,332,129	3,373	1,853	5,226
Elliott	38,702	20,000	38,702	20,000	0	0	0
Galiwinku	165,277	144,569	165,693	144,771	416	202	618
Gapuwiyak	120,401	123,036	120,401	123,208	0	172	172
Gulin Gulin/Weemol	51,845	24,297	51,976	24,331	131	34	165
Ikuntji	63,018	31,000	63,177	31,043	159	43	202
Imanpa	42,499	22,103	42,606	22,134	107	31	138
Jabiru	59,103	71,924	59,103	72,025	0	101	101
Jilkminggan	35,143	20,000	35,232	20,000	89	0	89
Kaltukatjara	76,160	83,200	76,352	83,315	192	115	307
Kardu Numida	197,386	82,764	197,884	82,880	498	116	614
Katherine	450,921	410,979	452,057	411,552	1,136	573	1,709

Council	Paid Entitlement		Actual Entitlement		Difference		
	1999/2000		1999/2000				
	General Purpose	Roads	General Purpose	Roads	General Purpose	Roads	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Kunbarllanjnja	164,731	386,137	164,731	386,675	0	538	538
Lajamanu	101,573	68,494	101,829	68,589	256	95	351
Litchfield	595,757	1,164,557	597,259	1,166,179	1,502	1,622	3,124
Ltyentye Purte	57,382	67,700	57,527	67,794	145	94	239
Maningrida	199,949	88,732	200,453	88,856	504	124	628
Marngarr	35,322	20,000	35,322	20,000	0	0	0
Mataranka	23,490	43,980	23,490	44,041	0	61	61
Milikapiti	59,043	106,883	59,192	107,032	149	149	298
Milingimbi	71,581	32,241	71,761	32,286	180	45	225
Milyakburra	69,908	57,283	69,908	57,362	0	79	79
Minjilang	51,374	60,033	51,503	60,117	129	84	213
Naiyu Nambiyu	57,036	82,667	57,180	82,782	144	115	259
Nganmariyanga	57,338	43,843	57,483	43,904	145	61	206
Nguiu	114,232	176,303	114,520	176,548	288	245	533
Ntaria	62,984	80,969	63,143	81,082	159	113	272
Numbulwar Numburindi	119,009	134,459	119,309	134,647	300	188	488
Nyirripi	65,459	66,188	65,624	66,280	165	92	257
Palmerston	766,264	329,962	768,196	330,421	1,932	459	2,391
Papunya	51,300	46,224	51,300	46,288	0	64	64
Peppimenarti	93,349	97,737	93,349	97,873	0	136	136
Pine Creek	28,320	107,482	28,320	107,632	0	150	150
Pirlangimpi	50,349	77,012	50,476	77,120	127	108	235
Ramingining	103,450	102,628	103,711	102,771	261	143	404
Tapatjatjaka	42,514	20,000	42,621	20,000	107	0	107
Tennant Creek	247,124	137,094	247,747	137,284	623	190	813
Timber Creek	49,797	94,204	49,797	94,335	0	131	131
Umbakumba	70,257	40,550	70,257	40,607	0	57	57
Urapuntja	113,261	60,383	113,547	60,467	286	84	370
Walangeri Ngumpinku	67,084	20,000	67,253	20,000	169	0	169
Wallace Rockhole	35,599	20,000	35,689	20,000	90	0	90
Walungurru	79,860	102,435	80,062	102,578	202	143	345
Warruwi	60,380	75,928	60,532	76,033	152	105	257
Watiyawanu	51,295	20,000	51,295	20,000	0	0	0
Willowra	70,973	76,595	70,973	76,702	0	107	107
Wugularr	53,075	46,442	53,209	46,507	134	65	199
Yirrkala Dhanbul	77,205	52,103	77,205	52,176	0	73	73
Yuelamu	61,072	53,894	61,226	53,969	154	75	229
Yuendumu	130,276	183,985	130,276	184,241	0	256	256
Yugul Mangi	192,907	114,726	193,394	114,886	487	160	647

Council	Paid Entitlement 1999/2000		Actual Entitlement 1999/2000		Difference		Total
	General Purpose	Roads	General Purpose	Roads	General Purpose	Roads	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Sub-total	8,919,099	8,487,871	8,938,475	8,499,392	19,376	11,521	30,897
Trust Account (LGANT)	-	516,969	-	517,689	-	720	720
Tennant Creek Remote	-	135,678	-	135,867	-	189	189
Total	8,919,099	9,140,518	8,938,475	9,152,948	19,376	12,430	31,806

RECOMMENADTION 3 - SCHEDULE OF CASH PAYMENT

Council	Estimated Cash Entitlement 2000/2001			Actual Cash Payment 1999/2000		
	General Purpose	Roads	Total	General Purpose	Roads	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Aherrenge	65,781	22,050	87,831	68,353	21,967	90,320
Ali Curung	54,222	48,676	102,898	56,368	48,524	104,892
Alice Springs	871,257	644,007	1,515,264	905,231	646,919	1,552,150
Alpurrurulam	67,405	20,000	87,405	70,028	20,000	90,028
Amoonguna	33,857	20,000	53,857	35,207	20,000	55,207
Angurugu	73,815	88,050	161,865	74,728	87,730	162,458
Anmatjere	137,174	82,372	219,546	141,748	81,230	222,978
Aputula	45,636	29,073	74,709	47,412	28,999	76,411
Areyonga	47,453	29,100	76,553	49,314	28,849	78,163
Arltarlpilta	53,483	20,000	73,483	56,148	20,000	76,148
Barunga Manyallaluk	61,672	77,745	139,417	59,802	77,458	137,260
Belyuen	36,872	29,671	66,543	38,359	29,575	67,934
Binjarri	33,141	20,000	53,141	34,453	20,000	54,453
Borrooloola	53,952	46,098	100,050	56,642	45,861	102,503
Coomalie	129,506	272,083	401,589	83,270	253,281	336,551
Cox Peninsula	13,644	41,439	55,083	14,202	40,736	54,938
Daguragu	72,507	87,001	159,508	69,254	86,680	155,934
Darwin	1,582,530	1,329,662	2,912,192	1,323,875	1,324,744	2,648,619
Elliott	36,767	20,000	56,767	38,272	20,000	58,272
Galiwinku	176,088	141,303	317,391	163,461	143,981	307,442
Gapuwiyak	114,381	122,980	237,361	119,063	122,438	241,501
Gulin Gulin/Weemol	49,384	24,286	73,670	51,323	24,196	75,519
Ikuntji	60,026	34,484	94,510	62,324	30,855	93,179
Imanpa	41,770	22,093	63,863	42,101	22,011	64,112
Jabiru	56,148	73,090	129,238	59,103	71,625	130,728
Jilkminggan	33,475	20,000	53,475	34,814	20,000	54,814
Kaltukatjara	72,544	83,160	155,704	75,427	82,854	158,281
Kardu Numida	191,880	103,484	295,364	197,386	82,420	279,806
Katherine	535,516	440,101	975,617	446,318	409,270	855,588
Kunbarllanjna	208,930	389,162	598,092	164,731	384,596	549,327
Lajamanu	96,750	68,461	165,211	100,532	68,220	168,752
Litchfield	736,260	1,258,174	1,994,434	589,251	1,159,714	1,748,965
Ltyente Purte	55,002	67,668	122,670	56,777	67,418	124,195
Maningrida	190,456	98,301	288,757	199,949	88,363	288,312
Marn Garr	33,556	20,000	53,556	34,929	20,000	54,929
Mataranka	22,315	42,791	65,106	23,268	43,798	67,066

Council	Estimated Cash Entitlement 2000/2001			Actual Cash Payment 1999/2000		
	General Purpose	Roads	Total	General Purpose	Roads	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Milikapiti	58,060	106,834	164,894	58,519	106,472	164,991
Milingimbi	68,817	32,226	101,043	70,810	32,119	102,929
Milyakburra	66,413	57,256	123,669	69,131	57,053	126,184
Minjilang	48,934	60,006	108,940	50,874	59,794	110,668
Nauiyu Nambiyu	56,623	83,269	139,892	56,466	82,354	138,820
Nganmariyanga	54,616	49,565	104,181	57,338	43,674	101,012
Nguiu	137,114	176,221	313,335	113,194	175,664	288,858
Ntaria	61,684	82,479	144,163	62,314	80,635	142,949
Numbulwar Numburindi	131,230	134,398	265,628	119,009	133,919	252,928
Nyirripi	62,351	66,157	128,508	64,782	65,913	130,695
Palmerston	744,476	405,187	1,149,663	759,582	328,590	1,088,172
Papunya	53,557	65,774	119,331	51,300	46,020	97,320
Peppimenarti	88,682	101,151	189,833	93,349	97,244	190,593
Pine Creek	40,571	108,702	149,273	28,320	107,035	135,355
Pirlangimpi	47,959	76,978	124,937	49,871	76,704	126,575
Ramingining	98,538	126,732	225,270	103,450	102,201	205,651
Tapatjatjaka	40,495	20,000	60,495	42,137	20,000	62,137
Tennant Creek	259,954	139,966	399,920	244,635	136,524	381,159
Timber Creek	47,307	103,922	151,229	49,243	93,756	142,999
Umbakumba	66,744	77,894	144,638	70,257	40,430	110,687
Urapuntja	107,884	60,355	168,239	112,056	60,132	172,188
Walangeri Ngumpinku	63,899	20,000	83,899	66,460	20,000	86,460
Wallace Rockhole	35,619	20,000	55,619	35,244	20,000	55,244
Walungurru	76,085	102,388	178,473	79,860	102,078	181,938
Warruwi	57,513	75,892	133,405	59,755	75,619	135,374
Watiyawanu	48,730	20,000	68,730	51,295	20,000	71,295
Willowra	67,424	76,560	143,984	70,973	76,276	147,249
Wugularr	50,555	46,421	96,976	52,570	46,286	98,856
Yirrkala Dhanbul	73,345	52,080	125,425	77,205	51,864	129,069
Yuelamu	58,172	53,869	112,041	60,513	53,739	114,252
Yuendumu	123,762	183,899	307,661	130,276	183,220	313,496
Yugul Mangi	192,848	146,337	339,185	190,978	114,246	305,224
Sub Total	9,335,116	8,869,083	18,204,199	8,845,189	8,453,873	17,299,062
Tennant Creek (Remote)	-	135,615	135,615	-	135,114	135,114
Trust Account (LGANT)	-	516,730	516,730	-	515,172	515,172
Total	9,335,116	9,521,428	18,856,544	8,845,189	9,104,159	17,949,348

METHODOLOGY AND FORMULA FACTORS

Methodology

The Northern Territory Grants Commission amended its methodology in 1996 to apply the National Principles for the distribution of financial assistance grants to local governing bodies. Details regarding these National Principles are at **Appendix A**.

The methodology used by the Commission in making its assessments for 1999/2000 conforms with the requirements of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*. Wherever possible, it has followed horizontal equalisation principles as set out in section 6 (3) of the Act, and as embodied in the national distribution principles.

In assessing relative expenditure and revenue needs, the Commission utilised the “balanced budget approach”. Using this approach, the Commission assesses the total standardised expenditure needs for each local governing body, and then deducts the assessed revenue raising capacity to arrive at the standardised deficit. The deficit represents the funding required to enable each local governing body to deliver an average level of services when an average revenue raising effort is made.

The methodology used by the Commission calculates standards and applies disability factors and weightings to assess each local governing body’s revenue raising capacity and expenditure requirements.

The assessed revenue raising capacity and assessed expenditure requirements are the Commission’s measures of each local governing body’s ability to function at the average standard.

The calculation of standardised expenditure and revenue needs took into account population changes. These cover both increases as well as decreases where they occurred. In order to smooth the effect of these variations, the Commission adopts a three year average of its calculated core community populations. The formula used by the Commission is shown at **Appendix B**.

Revenue Raising Capacity

As the ownership of the land on which many communities are located is vested in Land Trusts established pursuant to the Commonwealth *Aboriginal Lands Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, it is not feasible to use a land valuation system to assess revenue raising capacity.

The method of calculating revenue raising capacity is achieved through the use of personal income statistics, obtained from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. This allows the determination of a council’s theoretical gross income. In addition, councils which are recipients of the Northern Territory Operational Subsidy have 50% of this revenue taken into account. The Commission considers that given the unique circumstances within the Northern Territory, this approach provides a reasonable indication of a council’s revenue raising capacity.

Expenditure Needs and Disability Factors

The assessment of expenditure needs calculates standards in each category with disability factors applied as appropriate.

There are six expenditure categories taken into account by the Commission. For the 1999/2000 year the total standardised expenditure needs for each local governing body is adjusted by a combination of five disability factors. In arriving at these factors the Commission took into account the factors of distance, isolation, geographic location, dispersion, external access, growth and communications, which would influence costs of service delivery by individual councils. The disability factors used by the Commission for 1999/2000 are shown at **Schedule 2**.

Population Estimates

In making its assessments, the Commission considered 1996 Census data provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics. However, it was concerned that this data was at variance with that returned directly by the Councils and endorsed by the Department of Local Government. The Commission has recently commenced a joint validation exercise with the ABS in identifying reasons for the differences. This may lead to future pilot counts in a number of regional communities.

Population data for smaller local governing bodies is more difficult to determine. This is partly because of enumeration difficulties in remote areas and the non-defined boundaries of some local governing bodies. In addition, whatever population is adopted may be of limited relevance in view of the seasonal increases and decreases of the predominantly Aboriginal communities.

The Commission has derived estimated resident population data for these smaller local governing bodies by reference to information obtained from a range of sources, including the Department of Local Government and the communities themselves.

In assessing the needs of communities, the Commission took into account local resident population and included a factor for those in outstations dependent on the relative council for local government services.

In addition the Commission took into account interstate and overseas tourist visitors to communities that impact on the provision of local government services.

The population figures, incorporating the three year average, outstation and tourist populations for all 68 local governing bodies are shown at **Schedule 1**.

Estimated Entitlement 2000/2001

The Estimated Entitlements for 2000/2001 are based on Commonwealth estimates of the annual CPI and the Territory's share of the national population.

Entitlement 1999/2000

The Commonwealth estimates of the annual CPI and the Territory's share of the national population was lower than the actual CPI and population. This resulted in the entitlement for 1999/2000 being underestimated. Under payments in the year totalled \$31,806. Adjustments have been made across all councils based on the data used for the distribution of the Estimated Entitlement for 1999/2000.

Cash Entitlement 2000/2001

The Cash Entitlement for 2000/2001 is the Estimated Entitlement for the year plus the Underpayments in 1999/2000.

SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE 1

SCHEDULE OF POPULATION (INCLUDING RELATED SERVICE POPULATIONS)

Community	Calculated Population			3Year Ave.Pop	Out/Station Pop.	Adjusted Pop.	Tourist Pop.	Total
	1998	1999	2000					
Aherrenge	320	330	330	327	120	60	0	387
Ali Curung	450	450	450	450	30	0	0	450
Alice Springs	27,519	27,932	28,712	28,054	0	0	1,737	29,791
Alpurrurulam	700	740	700	713	21	0	0	713
Amoonguna	235	273	275	261	75	0	0	261
Angurugu	810	857	890	852	119	57	0	910
Anmatjere	1,400	1,427	1,446	1,424	0	0	11	1,435
Aputula	273	174	172	206	0	0	0	206
Areyonga	256	256	258	257	0	0	0	257
Arltarpilta	275	278	242	265	0	0	1	266
Barunga Manyallaluk	500	570	524	531	0	0	1	532
Belyuen	250	250	250	250	0	0	0	250
Binjari	250	246	268	255	0	0	0	255
Borrooloola	810	830	810	817	378	57	18	891
Coomalie	1,472	1,514	1,557	1,514	0	0	42	1,557
Cox Peninsula	264	243	243	250	0	0	2	252
Daguragu	675	700	714	696	40	20	0	716
Darwin	71,079	72,572	72,580	72,077	0	0	505	72,582
Elliott	650	598	598	615	0	0	12	627
Galiwinku	1,404	1,616	1,648	1,556	160	53	0	1,609
Gapuwiyak	969	970	989	976	230	58	0	1,034
Gulin Gulin /Weemol	320	353	353	342	0	0	0	342
Ikuntji	219	160	160	180	59	0	0	180
Imanpa	120	150	150	140	11	11	0	151
Jabiru	1,880	1,880	1,901	1,887	0	0	273	2,160
Jilkminggan	181	202	202	195	0	0	0	195
Kaltukatjara	350	385	350	362	0	0	0	362
Kardu Numida	1,910	1,970	2,150	2,010	42	0	0	2,010
Katherine	10,928	10,928	11,290	11,049	0	0	351	11,399
Kunbarllanjnja	1,010	1,028	1,100	1,046	421	0	0	1,046
Lajamanu	1,081	1,130	1,080	1,097	12	6	0	1,103
Litchfield	14,400	14,827	15,094	14,774	0	0	205	14,979
Ltyentye Purte	573	561	571	568	0	0	0	569
Maningrida	1,700	2,084	1,982	1,922	717	86	1	2,009

Community	Calculated Population			3Year Ave.Pop	Out/Station Pop.	Adjusted Pop.	Tourist Pop.	Total
	1998	1999	2000					
Marngarr	329	329	305	321	220	0	0	321
Mataranka	277	279	281	279	0	0	89	368
Milikapiti	498	480	480	486	26	0	1	487
Milingimbi	754	824	824	801	119	0	0	801
Milyakburra	235	250	210	232	0	0	0	232
Minjilang	209	250	250	236	50	0	0	236
Naiyu Nambiyu	441	469	474	461	16	0	0	462
Nganmariyanga	341	348	356	348	61	15	0	364
Nguiu	1,400	1,413	1,500	1,438	0	0	3	1,441
Ntaria	570	600	600	590	0	0	0	590
Numbulwar								
Numburundi	1,050	1,205	1,205	1,153	0	0	0	1,153
Nyirripi	298	300	305	301	15	0	0	301
Palmerston	16,569	19,569	21,834	19,324	0	0	0	19,324
Papunya	266	289	315	290	28	14	0	304
Peppimenarti	248	240	220	236	78	0	0	236
Pine Creek	492	606	624	574	0	0	20	594
Pirlangimpi	335	335	335	335	0	0	0	335
Ramingining	512	600	620	577	280	70	0	647
Tapatjatjaka	191	217	220	209	54	27	0	236
Tennant Creek	3,800	3,856	3,913	3,856	0	0	100	3,956
Timber Creek	234	245	245	241	0	0	60	302
Umbakumba	450	450	450	450	60	43	0	493
Urapuntja	880	880	880	880	0	0	0	880
Walangeri Ngumpinku	434	503	486	474	0	0	0	474
Wallace Rockhole	160	160	160	160	0	0	14	174
Walungurru	400	453	450	434	12	0	0	434
Warruwi	350	360	369	360	11	6	0	365
Watiyawanu	280	250	250	260	50	0	0	260
Willowra	436	450	450	445	30	0	0	445
Wugularr	511	600	473	528	4	0	0	528
Yirrkala Dhanbul	800	900	870	857	300	60	1	917
Yuelamu	210	210	166	195	95	31	0	227
Yuendumu	1,110	1,100	1,000	1,070	0	0	0	1,070
Yugul Mangi	1,489	1,495	1,563	1,516	0	0	0	1,516
Total	181,792	188,999	192,722	187,838	3,944	673	3,451	191,961

SCHEDULE 2**SCHEDULE OF NORTHERN TERRITORY GRANTS COMMISSION
DISABILITY FACTORS 2000/2001**

Name	Isolation Administration	Isolation Works	Dispersion	Aboriginality	Growth
Aherrenge	1.35	1.40	1.25	1.95	1.01
Ali Curung	1.25	1.25	1.00	1.92	1.00
Alice Springs	1.00	1.05	1.00	1.13	1.02
Alpurrurulam	1.35	1.40	1.00	1.98	1.23
Amoonguna	1.05	1.05	1.00	1.99	1.09
Angurugu	1.25	1.25	1.00	1.95	1.03
Anmatjere	1.20	1.20	1.50	1.96	1.03
Aputula	1.35	1.40	1.00	1.89	1.00
Areyonga	1.35	1.40	1.00	1.96	1.00
Arltarpilta	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.97	1.10
Barunga Manyallaluk	1.15	1.15	1.00	1.97	1.07
Belyuen	1.10	1.25	1.00	1.99	1.02
Binjari	1.10	1.10	1.00	1.99	1.05
Borrooloola	1.30	1.30	1.00	1.60	1.01
Coomalie	1.10	1.10	1.25	1.23	1.03
Cox Peninsula	1.10	1.25	1.00	1.06	1.00
Daguragu	1.30	1.30	1.00	1.91	1.04
Darwin	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.08	1.01
Elliott	1.25	1.25	1.00	1.66	1.01
Galiwinku	1.30	1.35	1.00	1.98	1.10
Gapuwiyak	1.30	1.30	1.25	1.90	1.06
Gulin Gulin/Weemol	1.30	1.30	1.00	1.93	1.05
Ikuntji	1.40	1.40	1.25	1.95	1.05
Imanpa	1.25	1.25	1.00	1.95	1.10
Jabiru	1.10	1.10	1.00	1.10	1.02
Jilkminggan	1.15	1.15	1.00	1.99	1.06
Kaltukatjara	1.45	1.45	1.00	1.93	1.17
Kardu Numida	1.35	1.35	1.00	1.95	1.02
Katherine	1.10	1.10	1.00	1.16	1.01
Kunbarllanjnja	1.20	1.25	1.25	1.91	1.02
Lajamanu	1.35	1.35	1.00	1.95	1.05
Litchfield	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.07	1.06
Ltyentye Purte	1.20	1.20	1.00	1.94	1.00
Maningrida	1.25	1.25	1.00	1.93	1.28
Marngarr	1.20	1.20	1.00	1.95	1.02
Mataranka	1.15	1.15	1.00	1.30	1.09
Milikapiti	1.15	1.30	1.00	1.95	1.00

Name	Isolation Administration	Isolation Works	Dispersion	Aboriginality	Growth
Milingimbi	1.30	1.35	1.00	1.92	1.00
Milyakburra	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.97	1.12
Minjilang	1.30	1.30	1.00	1.93	1.08
Naiyu Nambiyu	1.25	1.25	1.00	1.87	1.01
Nganmariyanga	1.35	1.35	1.00	1.95	1.01
Nguiu	1.15	1.30	1.00	1.92	1.01
Ntaria	1.20	1.15	1.00	1.94	1.00
Numbulwar Numburindi	1.45	1.45	1.00	1.98	1.05
Nyirripi	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.95	1.00
Palmerston	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.12	1.15
Papunya	1.30	1.30	1.00	1.93	1.00
Peppimenarti	1.35	1.35	1.00	1.90	1.00
Pine Creek	1.10	1.10	1.00	1.20	1.00
Pirlangimpi	1.15	1.30	1.00	1.95	1.00
Ramingining	1.30	1.30	1.25	1.97	1.15
Tapatjatjaka	1.30	1.30	1.00	1.95	1.08
Tennant Creek	1.20	1.20	1.00	1.53	1.01
Timber Creek	1.25	1.25	1.00	1.60	1.05
Umbakumba	1.30	1.35	1.00	1.98	1.00
Urapuntja	1.35	1.40	1.50	1.96	1.01
Walangeri Ngumpinku	1.30	1.30	1.25	1.98	1.11
Wallace Rockhole	1.25	1.25	1.00	1.97	1.00
Walungurru	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.97	1.00
Warruwi	1.30	1.30	1.00	1.96	1.00
Watiyanu	1.40	1.40	1.00	1.95	1.00
Willowra	1.35	1.35	1.00	1.94	1.03
Wugularr	1.20	1.20	1.00	1.97	1.00
Yirrkala Dhanbul	1.20	1.20	1.00	1.97	1.06
Yuelamu	1.30	1.35	1.00	1.95	1.08
Yuendumu	1.30	1.35	1.25	1.94	1.00
Yugul Mangi	1.30	1.30	1.50	1.94	1.02

SCHEDULE 3**SCHEDULE OF COUNCILS LOCAL ROAD LENGTH**

Name	Kerbed	Sealed	Gravel	Formed	Unformed	Total Klms	Council Area (sq Klms)
Aherrenge	0	2.5	0	28.5	1.5	32.5	0
Ali Curung	0	7.35	0	9	134	150.35	0
Alice Springs	141.7	50.1	11.8	2.3	0	205.9	320
Alpurrurulam	0	3.19	8.4	4	13.1	28.69	10
Amoonguna	0	3.3	0.1	0	0	3.4	0
Angurugu	7	15	0	0	74	96	2
Anmatjere	0	17.2	0	67.2	23	107.4	3,631
Aputula	0	2.5	0	31.9	32.1	66.5	0
Areyonga	0	1.3	9.1	12	15	37.4	0
Arltarpilta	0	3.5	0	1	28	32.5	12.13
Barunga Manyallaluk	0	4.4	39.6	3	35.4	82.4	3,783
Belyuen	0	1	6	14	70	91	40.91
Binjari	0	4.4	0	0	0.55	4.95	2.82
Borrooloola	1.66	10.49	0	7.95	5.2	25.3	12.56
Coomalie	2.555	32.391	115.991	22.55	0	173.487	0
Cox Peninsular	1.229	11.175	0.32	0.235	0.37	13.329	0
Daguragu	0	16.6	5.5	0	134.6	156.7	43.2
Darwin	382.79	26.57	0	0	0	409.36	144
Elliott	0	1.93	0	0	2.4	4.33	3.12
Galiwinku	2.8	5.8	21.4	67.5	247	344.5	0
Gapuwiyak	1.36	0	41.74	10	260.9	314	0
Gulin Gulin/Weemol	0	4.6	5.1	0	2.6	12.3	0
Ikuntji	0	1.8	0	22	101	124.8	0
Imanpa	0	2.3	7.7	3.3	6.5	19.8	0
Jabiru	13.377	7.065	0	0	0	20.442	13
Jilkminggan	0	2.5	7	0	2	11.5	6.1
Kaltukatjara	0	4	1.4	20	303	328.4	0
Kardu Numida	1	8	16.2	6.2	235.1	266.5	0
Katherine	43.132	97.953	1.279	0	16.932	159.296	528
Kunbarllanjnja	0	10	172	23	449	654	530
Lajamanu	0	2.3	3.5	9.3	291	306.1	7,313
LGANT Roads	0	1	122.8	416	1068.12	1607.92	0
Litchfield	6.3	365.33	217.8	58.6	0	648.03	3,100
Ltyentye Purte	0	5.2	23.5	10	75.5	114.2	1,242
Maningrida	1	6.5	15.5	25	240.5	288.5	0
Marn Garr	0	2.7	3.58	1.6	5.25	13.13	2.7
Mataranka	1.05	12.15	1.3	1.1	5	20.6	233

Name	Kerbed	Sealed	Gravel	Formed	Unformed	Total Klms	Council Area (sq Klms)
Milikapiti	0.7	1.8	46	50.8	0	99.3	27
Milingimbi	0.1	7.07	0	9.78	17.7	34.65	0
Milyakburra	0	0	13	47	50	110	0
Minjilang	3	3	17	8.7	33	64.7	0
Naiyu Nambiyu	0	7.7	23.7	37	35.7	104.1	42.6
Nganmariyanga	0	4	5.8	0	148.2	158	0
Nguiu	0	15.4	45	73	116	249.4	2,071
Ntaria	0	3.1	0.8	105	226.5	335.4	0
Numbulwar Numburindi	0	6	29	30	237.4	302.4	4,500
Nyirripi	0	2.3	0	15.5	259	276.8	0
Palmerston	111.454	9.473	2.3	0	0	123.227	56
Papunya	0	4.6	0	45	190	239.6	0
Peppimenarti	0	2	48	5	51.5	106.5	0
Pine Creek	4.7	13.6	36.1	2.7	3.6	60.7	400
Pirlangimpi	0	1.6	24.7	73	0	99.3	17
Ramingining	0	3	38.7	88	93	222.7	0
Tapatjatjaka	0	2.84	1.4	0	51.3	55.54	12.14
Tennant Creek	32	0.805	7.3	0	0	40.105	25
Tennant Creek (Remote)	0	0	12.76	69.92	578.41	661.09	0
Timber Creek	0.35	3.62	56.54	0	1.5	62.01	16.12
Umbakumba	0	3	29.9	0	91	123.9	0
Urapuntja	0	0	0	21	283.5	304.5	0
Walangeri Ngumpinku	0	2.6	5.9	0	1	9.5	386
Wallace Rockhole	0	2.4	0	18.5	1.8	22.7	5.15
Walungurru	0	4.9	2.3	73	228.5	308.7	0
Warruwi	1	4	32	0	30	67	0
Watiyawanu	0	3	0	6	17.4	26.4	78
Willowra	2	5	0	70	117	194	0
Wugularr	0	4	12	37	9	62	3,185
Yirrkala Dhanbul	0	12.6	4	6.5	30	53.1	0
Yuelamu	0	1.5	3.1	16	210	230.6	0
Yuendumu	0	7.2	2.62	170.8	464.5	645.12	22,142
Yugul Mangi	3.7	5.9	60.5	0	62.1	132.2	12,269
Total	766	902	1,419	1,956	7,517	12,560.76	

SCHEDULE 4

Acknowledgments

The Commission wishes to record its appreciation for the valuable cooperation and assistance it has received during its work from all local governing bodies, and in particular, those visited during the year. The Commission would like to express its thanks to the Darwin, Katherine and Tennant Creek Councils for the use of their facilities during the Commission's public hearings.

The Commission would also like to express its thanks to Local Government administrative staff, Mrs Daphne May and Mrs Rosemary Graham in coordinating the tour and assistance and the Department of Local Government Public Relations unit for the organising of artwork and banners for the conference.

The Commission is grateful for the executive support and assistance of both Mr Ted Clark and Ms Donna McLeod of the Department of Local Government, combined with the services provided by the field staff.

Commissioners Norton and Kelly complete their term of appointment on 31 October 2000. The Commission takes this opportunity to thank them for their participation and contribution during their term of office.

APPENDIX A

NATIONAL PRINCIPLES FOR THE ALLOCATION OF GENERAL PURPOSE AND LOCAL ROAD GRANTS

- A. The National Principles relating to the allocation of general purpose grants payable under section 6 of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995* (the Act) among local governing bodies are as follows:

1. Horizontal Equalisation

General purpose grants will be allocated to all local governing bodies, as far as practicable, on a full horizontal equalisation basis as defined by the Act. This is a basis that ensures that each local governing body in the State/Territory is able to function, by reasonable effort, at a standard not lower than the average standard of other local governing bodies in the State. It takes account of differences in the expenditure required by those local governing bodies in the performance of their functions and in the capacity of those local governing bodies to raise revenue.

2. Effort Neutrality

An effort or policy neutral approach will be used in assessing expenditure requirements and revenue raising capacity of each local governing body. This means as far as possible, policies of individual local governing bodies in terms of expenditure and revenue effort will not affect the grant determination.

3. Minimum Grant

The minimum general purpose grant allocation for a local governing body in a year will not be less than the amount to which the local governing body would be eligible to receive if 30% of the total amount of general purpose grants to which the State/Territory is entitled under section 9 of the Act in respect of the year were allocated among local governing bodies in the State/Territory on a per capita basis.

4. Other Grant Support

Other relevant grant support provided to local governing bodies to meet any of the expenditure needs assessed should be taken into account using an inclusion approach.

5. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

Financial assistance shall be allocated to councils in a way which recognises the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders within their boundaries.

- B.** The National Principle relating to the allocation of the amounts payable under Section 12 of the Act (the identified road component of the financial assistance grants) among local governing bodies is as follows:

1. Identified Road Component

The identified road component of the financial assistance grants should be allocated to local governing bodies as far as practicable on the basis of the relative needs of each local governing body for roads expenditure and to preserve its road assets. In assessing road needs, relevant considerations include length, type and usage of roads in each local governing area.

APPENDIX B

FORMULA

1. Revenue Component

All councils:

Assessed Revenue Raising Capacity = Gross Income/State Income x \$31,154,002

Assessed Revenue = Assessed Rates + 50% Operational Subsidy

WHERE

Gross Income = Community Gross Income
 State Income = Total NT Gross Income

Operational Subsidy = NT Operational Subsidy 1999/2000

\$31,154,002 = Total Local Government Rate Revenue

2. Expenditure Components

(a) Amenity

Community population/Territory population x NT Amenity Expenditure x (isolation works x dispersion x growth) - Amenity Grants

(b) General Administration

Community population/Territory population x NT general administration expenditure x (isolation administration x dispersion x Aboriginality) - Administration Grants

A base level (\$70,000) of expenditure is applied to all councils.

(c) Human Services

Community population/Territory population x NT Human Services expenditure x (isolation administration x Aboriginality x growth) - Human Services Grants

(d) Libraries

The population figure used for these calculations is the sum of the populations in those centres that are in receipt of library services.

Community population/Territory population x NT Library expenditure x (isolation administration x Aboriginality x growth) - NT Library Grants

(e) Recreation

Community population/Territory population x NT Recreation expenditure x (isolation works x growth) - NT Recreation Grants

(f) Transport

This category is calculated on weighted road lengths by surface type. The summing of these figures determines a council's road factor.

The road factor equation is:

Community road factor/NT road factor x NT roads expenditure

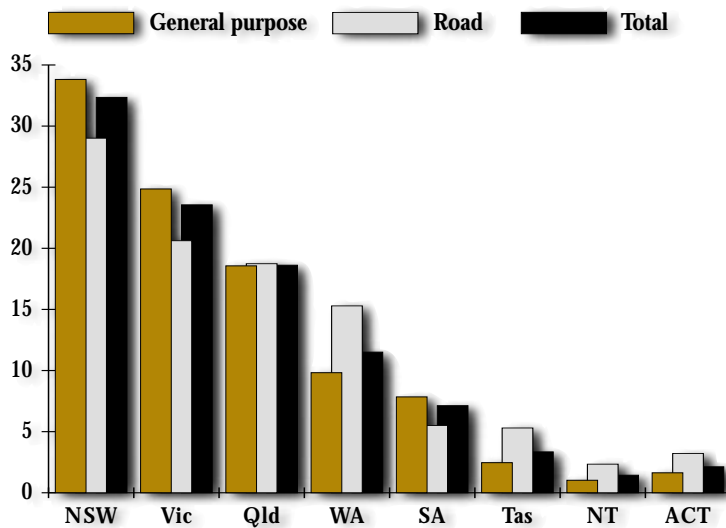
10 x Kerbed and Sealed road + 8 x Sealed road + 4 x Gravel road + 1 x Formed road + 0.4 x Unformed road + 2 x Cycle Paths.

APPENDIX C

NATIONAL DISTRIBUTION AND SHARES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS 2000/2001

State/ Territory	General Purpose	Share	Local Road Component	Share	Total	Share
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
NSW	309,729,653	33.81	117,928,951	29.01	427,658,604	32.34
Vic	227,626,521	24.85	83,798,879	20.62	311,425,400	23.55
Qld	169,994,135	18.56	76,157,101	18.74	246,151,236	18.61
WA	89,962,540	9.82	62,149,465	15.29	152,112,005	11.50
SA	71,859,203	7.84	22,338,136	5.50	94,197,339	7.12
Tas	22,576,958	2.46	21,539,901	5.30	44,116,859	3.34
NT	9,335,115	1.02	9,521,428	2.34	18,856,543	1.43
ACT	14,941,242	1.63	13,033,552	3.21	27,974,794	2.12
Total	916,025,368	100.00	406,467,413	100.00	1,322,492,781	100

Interstate Comparisons



APPENDIX D

THE AUSTRALIAN CLASSIFICATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACLG)

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Identifiers	Category
URBAN (U)	Capital City (CC)			UCC
Population more than 20,000 OR	Metropolitan Developed (D) Part of an urban centre of more than 1,000 000 or population density more than 600/sq km	Small (S) Medium (M) Large (L) Very Large (V)	Up to 30,000 30,000-70,000 70,001-120,000 more than 120,000	UDS UDM UDL UDV
Population density more than 30 persons per sq km OR	Regional Towns/City (R) Part of an urban centre with population less than 1,000,000 and predominantly urban in nature	Small (S) Medium (M) Large (L) Very Large (V)	Up to 30,000 30,000-70,000 70,001-120,000 more than 120,000	URS URM URL URV
90% or more of LGA population is urban	Fringe (F) A Developing LGA on the margin of a developed or regional urban centre	Small (S) Medium (M) Large (L) Very Large (V)	Up to 30,000 30,000-70,000 70,001-120,000 more than 120,000	UFS UFM UFL UFV
RURAL (R) AN LGA with population less than 20,000 AND	Significant Growth (SG) Average annual population growth more than 3%, population more than 5,000 and not remote	Not applicable		RSG
Population density less than 30 persons per sq km AND	Agricultural (A)	Small (S) Medium (M) Large (L) Very Large (V)	Up to 2,000 2,001-5,000 5,001-10,000 10,001-20,000	RAS RAM RAL RAV
Less than 90% of LGA population is urban	Remote (T)	Extra Small (X) Small (S) Medium (M) Large (L)	Up to 400 401-1,000 1,001-3,000 3,001-20,000	RTX RTS RTM RTL

APPENDIX E*CLASSIFICATION OF NT LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS AND AVERAGE ROAD GRANTS PER KILOMETER.*

Council Name	ACLG Classification	Average Identified Grant per klm \$
Aherrenge	RTX	473.00
Ali Curung	RTS	515.45
Alice Springs (TC)	URS	2,744.23
Alpurrurulam *	RTS	515.45
Amoonguna *	RTX	473.00
Angurugu	RTS	515.45
Anmatjere	RTM	478.87
Aputula	RTX	473.00
Areyonga	RTX	473.00
Arltarpilta *	RTX	473.00
Barunga Manyallaluk	RTS	515.45
Belyuen	RTX	473.00
Binjari *	RTX	473.00
Borrooloola	RTS	515.45
Coomalie	RTM	478.87
Cox Peninsula	RTX	473.00
Daguragu	RTS	515.45
Darwin City (C)	UCC	2,880.76
Elliott *	RTS	515.45
Galiwinku	RTM	478.87
Gapuwiyak	RTS	515.45
Gulin Gulin/Weemol	RTX	473.00
Ikuntji	RTX	473.00
Imanpa	RTX	473.00
Jabiru (TC)	URS	2,744.23
Jilkminggan *	RTX	473.00
Kaltukatjara	RTX	473.00
Kardu Numida	RTM	478.87
Katherine (TC)	URS	2,744.23
Kunbarllanjnja	RTS	515.45
Lajamanu	RTM	478.87
LGANT	ZZZ	321.51
Litchfield (S)	RAV	1,845.87

Council Name	ACLG Classification	Average Identified Grant per klm \$
Ltyentye Purte	RTS	515.45
Maningrida	RTM	478.87
Marngarr *	RTX	473.00
Mataranka	RTX	473.00
Milikapiti	RTS	515.45
Milingimbi	RTS	515.45
Milyakburra	RTX	473.00
Minjilang	RTX	473.00
Nauiyu Nambiyu	RTS	515.45
Nganmarriyanga	RTX	473.00
Nguiu	RTM	478.87
Ntaria	RTS	515.45
Numbulwar Numburindi	RTS	515.45
Nyirripi	RTX	473.00
Palmerston (TC)	UFS	2,508.07
Papunya	RTS	515.45
Peppimenarti	RTX	473.00
Pine Creek	RTS	515.45
Pirlangimpi	RTX	473.00
Ramingining	RTS	515.45
Tapatjatjaka *	RTX	473.00
Tennant Creek (T)	URS	2,744.23
Tennant Creek Remote	RTX	473.00
Timber Creek	RTX	473.00
Umbakumba	RTS	515.45
Urapuntja	RTS	515.45
Walangeri Ngumpinku *	RTX	473.00
Wallace Rockhole *	RTX	473.00
Walungurru	RTS	515.45
Warruwi	RTX	473.00
Watiyawanu *	RTX	473.00
Willowra	RTS	515.45
Wugularr	RTS	515.45
Yirrkala Dhanbul	RTS	515.45
Yuelamu	RTX	473.00
Yuendumu	RTM	478.87
Yugul Mangi	RTM	478.87

* These Councils receive the minimum road grant of \$20,000. The average identified grant per klm. for the RTS and RTX classification are not therefore truly indicative.

APPENDIX F*AVERAGE IDENTIFIED ROAD GRANT PER KLM TO COUNCILS BY STATE AND ACLG CATEGORY 1999-00*

Category	NSW \$	VIC \$	QLD \$	WA \$	SA \$	TAS \$	NT \$
Urban Capital City (UCC)	1,703.58	1,070.06	1,634.96	3,301.75	1,304.19	2,192.28	2,880.76
Urban Developed Small (UDS)	1,663.93	2,000.00	n/a	1,508.55	2,421.01	n/a	n/a
Urban Developed Medium (UDM)	1,720.98	1,079.01	1,951.82	1,432.22	1,302.95	n/a	n/a
Urban Developed Large (UDL)	1,653.06	1,114.57	n/a	1,325.10	1,264.08	n/a	n/a
Urban Developed Very Large (UDV)	1,640.31	1,122.75	1,565.07	1,392.37	n/a	n/a	n/a
Urban Regional Small (URS)	1,031.20	442.49	529.61	799.26	650.02	1,763.20	2,744.23
Urban Regional Medium (URM)	1,083.76	512.52	807.32	750.28	n/a	2,738.35	n/a
Urban Regional Large (URL)	1,106.50	900.60	1,053.07	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Urban Regional Very Large (URV)	1,347.61	1,113.47	1,552.48	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Urban Fringe Small (UFS)	n/a	678.74	481.21	1,118.30	1,376.90	1,184.88	2,508.07
Urban Fringe Medium (UFM)	1,120.54	769.47	706.52	1,072.36	600.87	n/a	n/a
Urban Fringe Large (UFL)	1,151.67	1,305.61	1,079.69	1,155.03	n/a	n/a	n/a
Urban Fringe Very Large (UFV)	1,354.33	937.47	940.82	1,298.18	1,022.35	n/a	n/a
Rural Significant Growth (RSG)	n/a	661.98	440.25	746.11	n/a	1,435.06	n/a
Rural Agricultural Small (RAS)	544.41	n/a	328.05	373.58	155.01	510.83	n/a
Rural Agricultural Medium (RAM)	582.02	n/a	342.68	449.83	131.13	1,166.27	n/a
Rural Agricultural Large (RAL)	607.94	239.93	375.29	477.95	193.25	1,352.56	n/a

Category	NSW \$	VIC \$	QLD \$	WA \$	SA \$	TAS \$	NT \$
Rural Agricultural							
Very Large (RAV)	531.25	424.44	398.17	439.14	216.44	1,547.70	1,845.87
Rural Remote							
Extra Small (RTX)	n/a	n/a	329.58	253.11	200.21	n/a	473.00
Rural Remote							
Small (RTS)	n/a	n/a	327.01	329.69	n/a	n/a	515.45
Rural Remote							
Medium (RTM)	525.11	n/a	326.51	285.42	100.75	n/a	478.87
Rural Remote							
Large (RTL)	540.87	n/a	337.44	447.16	n/a	n/a	n/a
Total	796.37	543.12	507.34	491.66	286.95	1,469.04	792.85

Note

The interstate average road grant per klm. to Councils is based on data supplied by the National Office of Local Government and is calculated on the 1999/2000 Estimated Entitlement. The Northern Territory average is based on the average grant shown in Appendix E.

APPENDIX G*SCHEDULE OF VISITS TO LOCAL GOVERNING
BODIES 1998/1999 AND 1999/2000*

Council Visits 1999/2000	Date of Visit
Ali Curung Council Association Inc.	09 November 1999
Ntaria Council (Hermansburg) Inc.	10 November 1999
Areyonga Community Inc.	10 November 1999
Imanpa Community Inc.	11 November 1999
Tapatjatjaka Community Government Council	11 November 1999
Wallace Rockhole Community Government Council	12 November 1999
Nguiu Community Government Council	24 May 2000
Pirlangimpi Community Government Council	24 May 2000
Milikapiti Community Government Council	24 May 2000
Walangeri Ngumpinku Community Government Council	25 May 2000
Mataranka Community Government Council	25 May 2000
Wugularr Community Government Council	26 May 2000
Barunga Manyallaluk Community Government Council	26 May 2000
Ikuntji Community Council Inc.	29 May 2000
Watiyawanu Community Government Council	30 May 2000
Papunya Community Council Inc.	30 May 2000
Kaltukatjara Community Council Aboriginal Corp.	02 June 2000
Walungurru Council Aboriginal Corp.	02 June 2000
Alpurrurulam Community Government Council	06 June 2000
Yugal Mangi Community Government Council	06 June 2000
Borrooloola Community Government Council	07 June 2000
Umbakumba Community Council Inc.	07 June 2000
Angurugu Community Government Council	07 June 2000
Marngarr Community Government Council	08 June 2000
Yirkala Dhanbul Community Association Inc	08 June 2000
Galiwinku Community Inc.	09 June 2000
Ramingining Community Inc.	09 June 2000
Council Visits 1998/1999	Date of Visit
Amoonguna Community Inc	03 November 1998
Ltyentye Purte Community Government Council	03 November 1998
Aherrenge Community Council Inc	04 November 1998

Council Visits 1998/1999	Date of Visit
Urapuntja Council Aboriginal Corporation	04 November 1998
Anmatjere Community Government Council	05 November 1998
Binjari Community Government Council	01 March 1999
Jilkminggan Community Government Council	01 March 1999
Coomalie Community Government Council	02 March 1999
Pine Creek Community Government Council	02 March 1999
Minjilang Community Inc	03 March 1999
Warruwi Community Inc	03 March 1999
Belyuen Community Government Council	04 March 1999
Cox Peninsula Community Government Council	04 March 1999
Kardu Numida Council Inc	27 May 1999
Nganmariyanga Community Inc	27 May 1999
Naiyu Nambiyu Community Government Council	28 May 1999
Peppimenarti Community Council Association Inc	28 May 1999
Milyakburra Community Council Inc	31 May 1999
Numbulwar Numburindi Community Government Council	31 May 1999
Milingimbi Community Inc	01 June 1999

Public Hearings 1999/2000

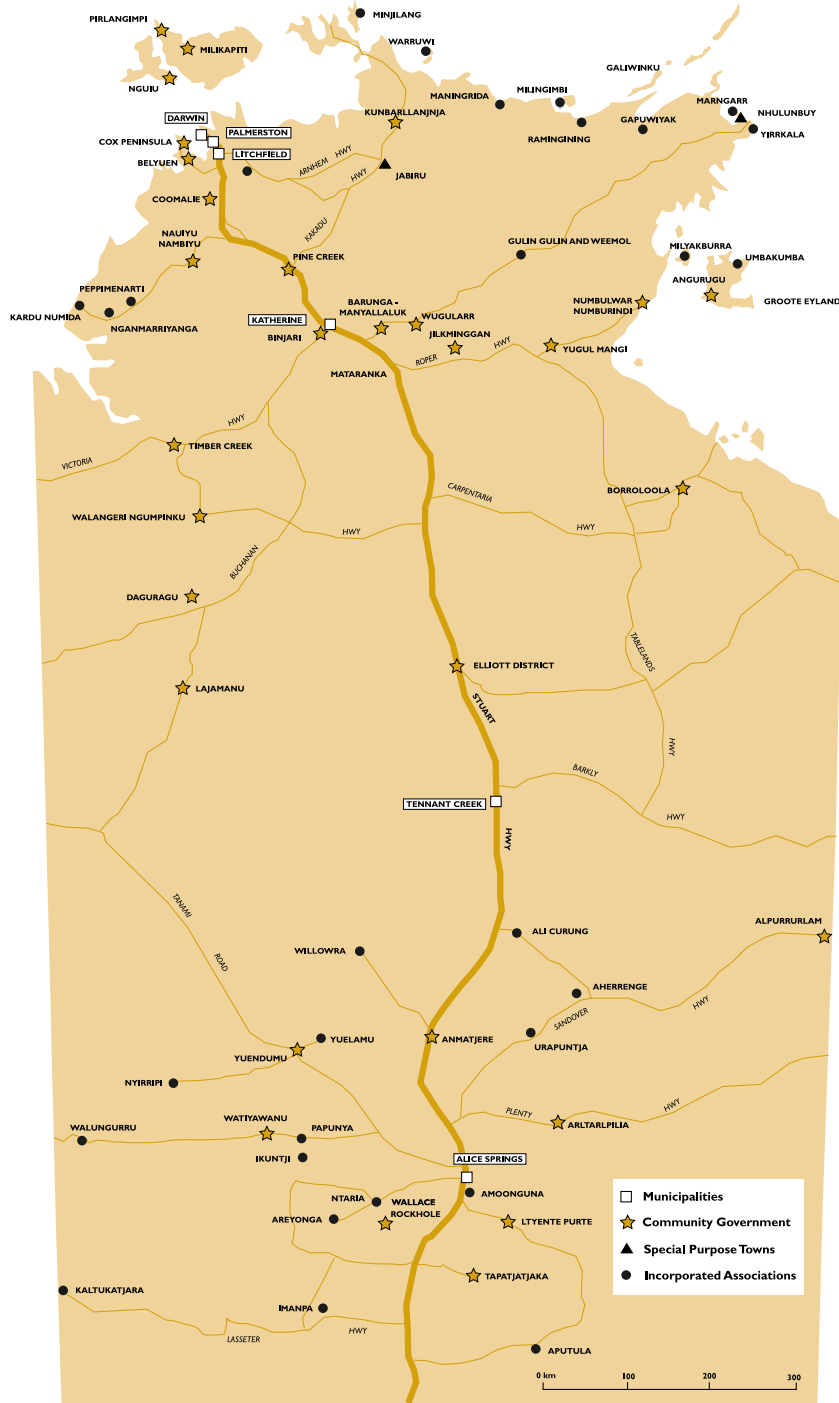
Darwin	23 May 2000
Katherine	05 June 2000
Tennant Creek	05 June 2000

Pulic Hearings 1998/1999

Alice Springs	24 May 1999
Katherine	25 May 1999
Palmerston	26 May 1999

APPENDIX H

NORTHERN TERRITORY LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES



APPENDIX I

*AUDITOR-GENERAL'S REPORT TO THE MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON
THE NORTHERN TERRITORY GRANTS COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR
ENDED 30 JUNE 2000*

Scope

I have audited the accompanying financial report of the Northern Territory Grants Commission for the financial year ended 30 June 2000, comprising Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Income and Expenditure including Statement by Chairman, together with Notes to and forming part of the financial statements. The Northern Territory Grants Commission is responsible for the financial report. I have conducted an independent audit of the financial report in order to express an opinion upon it to the Minister for Local Government

My audit has been conducted in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards to provide reasonable assurance as to whether the financial report is free of material misstatement. My procedures included examination, on a test basis, of evidence supporting the amounts and other disclosures in the financial report and the evaluation of accounting policies and significant accounting estimates. These procedures have been undertaken to form an opinion whether, in all material respects, the financial report is presented fairly in accordance with Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements and the requirements of the *Local Government Grants Commission Act* so as to present a view which is consistent with my understanding of the financial position of the Northern Territory Grants Commission and the results of its operations.

The audit opinion expressed in this report has been formed on the above basis.

Audit Opinion

In my opinion, the financial report presents fairly the financial position of the Northern Territory Grants Commission as at 30 June 2000 and the results of its operations for the year ended on that date in accordance with applicable Accounting Standards, other mandatory professional reporting requirements, and the *Local Government Grants Commission Act*.



Iain Summers
Auditor-General for the Northern Territory
31 October 2000

NORTHERN TERRITORY GRANTS COMMISSION

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 30 June 2000

	2000	1999
	\$	\$
Assets	Nil	Nil
Liabilities	Nil	Nil

Statement of Income & Expenditure for the year ended 30 June 2000

Income	Nil	Nil
Expenditure	Nil	Nil

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements are attached.

Statement by Accountable officer

In my opinion:

- (i) The accompanying Statement of Income and Expenditure presents fairly NT Grants Commission's transactions for the reporting year ended 30 June 2000.

The financial statements are based on proper accounts and records and are in agreement with the accounts and have been properly drawn up so as to present fairly the transactions of the NT Grants Commission for the reporting year ended 30 June 1999 and its financial position at that date.

- (ii) The accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities presents fairly the NT Grants Commission's state of affairs at the end of the reporting year; and

- (iii) The financial statements are in accordance with applicable accounting standards.



TED CLARK
Accountable Officer
31 October 2000

NORTHERN TERRITORY GRANTS COMMISSION

Notes to and forming part of the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2000.

1. The Commission was established under the provision of the *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1986* which came into operation on 1 July 1986.
2. The Commission's activity is to make recommendations to the Minister for Local Government, in respect of the amounts of money to be allocated to local governing bodies from the money provided to the Territory under the (Commonwealth) *Local Government (Financial Assistance) Act 1995*.

Funds for this purpose were appropriated to the Department of Local Government. Allocations of Federal Assistance Grants and Road Grants recommended for distribution were:

	Recommendation for distribution in 2000/2001	Recommendation for distribution in 1999/2000
Federal Assistance Grants	\$9,335,115	\$8,845,189
Road Grants	\$9,521,428	\$9,104,159
Total	\$18,856,544	\$17,949,348

3. The costs of operation of the Commission are met from the funds appropriated to the Department of Local Government and were \$113,774 (1998/1999: \$75,484). No allowance has been made for the estimated cost of administrative support provided by the Department of Local Government.
4. The Commission did not acquire any assets during the period covered by the financial statements.