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Remote Jobs and Economic Development Intergovernmental Approach

The Community Development Program (CDP) is an existing remote employment and community development service administered by the National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA). CDP is being replaced by Remote Jobs and Economic Development (RJED) and National Remote Employment Services (NRES) from July 2025. CDP and future programs aim to support job seekers and businesses in remote Australia to build skills, address barriers to employment and contribute to their communities through activities and training.

Collaboration between the NDIA, NIAA and DTATSIPCA will support people in remote communities to move into meaningful jobs and develop businesses that communities want, while improving the participation, experience, and outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander NDIS participants.

Community Profile – Hopevale

NDIS data overview

Active Participants	26
Average Committed Support (12 months)	\$107,034
Average Payments (12 months)	\$75,478
Utilisation (Hope Vale)	71%
Utilisation (Australia)	78%
Total Budget (Active Participants x Ave Committed Supports)	\$2,782,884
Spent (Active Participants x Ave Payments)	\$1,962,428
Unspent (Total Budget - Spent)	\$820,456

	Participants	Ave Committed Support	Ave Payments	Total Committed Supports	Total Payments	Total Unspent
All	26	\$ 107,034	\$ 75,478	\$ 2,782,884	\$ 1,962,428	\$ 820,456
Capacity Building	25	\$ 25,436	\$ 9,850	\$ 635,900	\$ 246,250	\$ 389,650
Capital	< 11	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Core	24	\$ 86,334	\$ 67,018	\$ 2,072,016	\$ 1,608,432	\$ 463,584

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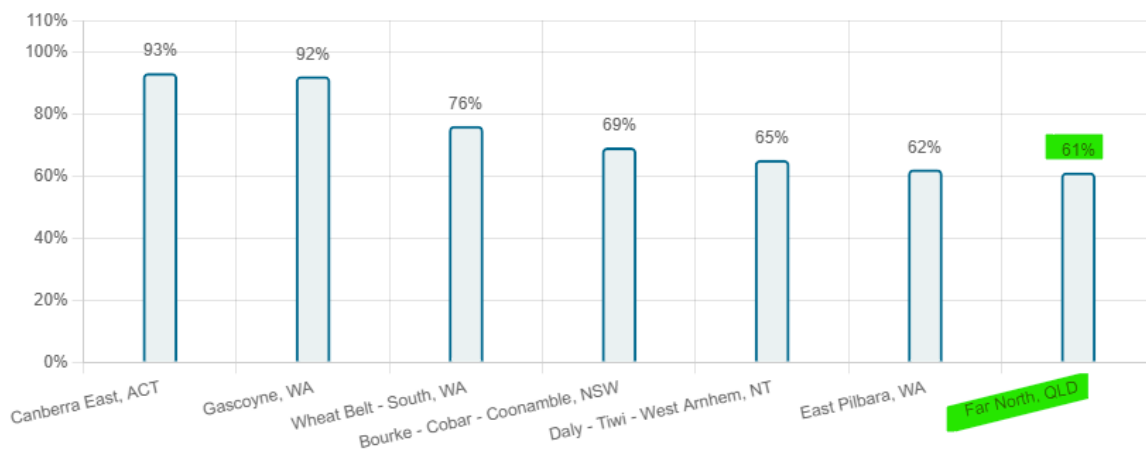
Care Sector Demand & NDIS Provider data overview

The Care Sector Demand Map Provides data on current NDIS and Aged Care participation levels, spending, and services, to help inform provider business decisions and encourage growth in areas where it's needed. Broader provider coverage can strengthen markets and ensure people are able to access the care they need now and, into the future.

Far North QLD is one of the top 3 regions in Australia with highest NDIS service demand growth forecasts. The projected growth of 121% over the 3 years from FY 2022-2023 to FY 2025-2026, indicates that the forecasted service demand is more than double the current service demand.

Regions with high NDIS service demand forecasts:

Top SA3 regions by estimated 2-year percentage growth (FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26)



Includes SA3's with at least \$1m in current expenditure

This chart provides the Statistical Areas level 3 regions with the highest growth estimated when comparing current service demand with 2-year forecasts. Areas where the percentage growth is higher than 100% indicate that the forecasted service demand is more than double the current service demand.

[Care Sector Demand Map | Department of Social Services, Australian Government](#)

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NDIS Active Provider Total – LGA Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal & Cook Q1 FY24/25

Active provider by Total

The number of active providers over the six-month exposure period. An active provider is an approved person or provider of supports who have received Agency or plan managed payments (or self managed payments from Q2 FY23/24 onwards). For plan managed payments the provider paid by the plan manager is counted as the provider of supports. The providers who received self managed payments from Q2 FY23/24 onwards is understated as provider information for self-managed participants is provided on a voluntary basis. ②

Metric

☒ Active provider ☐ Participants per provider ☐ Provider growth ☐ Provider shrink

Graph

Table

Period	LGA	State/Territory	Active provider
Q1 FY24/25		QLD	69,780
Q1 FY24/25	Hope Vale (S), QLD		30
Q1 FY24/25	Wujal Wujal (S), QLD		9
Q1 FY24/25	Cook (S), QLD		125

NIAA data overview

CDP Information – North Qld and CDP Region 54 (Cook Region)

North Qld CDP statistics		
Approximately 7500 jobseekers	54% male 46% female	Average Age – 39yo
CDP Cook Region 54 - CDP statistics		
Caseload approximately 950 people	68% Indigenous 32% <u>Non-Indigenous</u>	Approx 73% on jobseeker payment, 12% youth allowance and 15% other payments (including Parenting Payment)
7 locations across region Cooktown, Hope Vale, Wujal Wujal, Cow Bay, Laura, Daintree and Rossville	Cooktown, Hope Vale and Wujal Wujal have highest number of jobseekers	Cook Region 54 has the 2 nd highest number of employment placements out of all 14 NQ CDP Regions
Providing local health care and social help is a key industry in NQ	Some jobseekers have limited transport options so providing local work removes the transport barrier	Due to ageing populations and ongoing NDIS delivery, growing local care workforces is an employment growth opportunity

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