

COVID-19 public information update

As you may be aware, today at midday marked both the commencement of [Stage 3](#) in the Territory's Roadmap to the New Normal and the lifting of designated biosecurity areas.

In our previous updates we have explained what the lifting of designated biosecurity areas means for the East Arnhem region, read the 24 May update [here](#).

The Northern Land Council (NLC) have today provided an update on permit arrangements, you can read the media release [here](#). For the foreseeable future, the NLC will not be issuing individual recreational permits to enter Aboriginal land, with the exception being permits related to the operation of tourism businesses with permits and agreements issued under s. 19 or the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act that were suspended after 14 March 2020.

The NLC have separately advised that **transit permits for residents of Nhulunbuy to travel directly between Nhulunbuy and Katherine via the Central Arnhem Road** can be approved by the Nhulunbuy NLC Office. Non-Yolngu residents of the region who wish to travel to Katherine via the Central Arnhem Road should apply at <https://www.nlc.org.au/permits/apply-for-permit/work-transit-recreational-fishing-and-tourist-permits> or stop in at the NLC office at the Endeavour Square (adjacent to the Woolworths Carpark). Approved travellers must not stop at remote communities along the Central Arnhem way during transit, such as Beswick or Bulman or Gapuwiyak or any homelands. Non-residents of Nhulunbuy wishing to visit Nhulunbuy from within the NT can travel directly by air via Airnorth's scheduled services.

Please note that for Nhulunbuy and Gove Peninsula residents, travel to Dhimurru recreational areas is permitted, provided that the appropriate Dhimurru permit is obtained. These permits can be obtained from the Dhimurru office next to the Captain Cook shopping centre or online at <http://www.dhimurru.com.au/>.

PUBLIC INFORMATION UPDATES

These public information updates include details relevant to the East Arnhem region. The source of information for Northern Territory Government news and requirements related to the COVID-19 pandemic is <https://coronavirus.nt.gov.au/> and we encourage you to visit that site regularly. If you have questions about how Northern Territory Government requirements apply in the East Arnhem region, please email EastArnhem.Covid19@nt.gov.au and we will do our best to include relevant details in our next public information update.