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# Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area

## Climate Resilience Centre



## At a glance

The Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Climate Resilience Centre is a First Nations-led initiative supporting a coordinated regional response to the impacts of climate change. Funded by the Australian Government, the centre works with Traditional Owners, regional leaders and communities to support adaptation outcomes informed by cultural knowledge, lived experience and community priorities.

## Why it matters

Climate change disproportionately affects First Nations peoples and communities. Impacts such as sea level rise, coastal erosion, increasing heatwaves and extreme weather are already being felt across the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area.

Climate adaptation responses are strongest when they are community-led, culturally informed and embedded within coordinated policy and delivery systems.

## How the centre works

This virtual centre is designed around four key elements:

1. **Sustainable** partnerships between Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area agencies and different levels of government via a Steering Committee.
2. **Employment** of Climate Resilience Officers to support local, on ground action.
3. **Integration** of Traditional Knowledge with western science.
4. **Protection** of data sovereignty and Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property.

## Climate Resilience Grant Program

The Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Area Climate Resilience Grant Program provides up to $10.8 million over 3 years to support the recruitment and training of local Climate Resilience Officers. These officers lead practical climate adaptation projects and community engagement and education.

Grants have been awarded to the 3 regional organisations that applied:

- Gur A Baradharaw Kod Torres Strait Sea and Land Council Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal Corporation.
- Torres Shire Council.
- Torres Strait Island Regional Council.

## More information

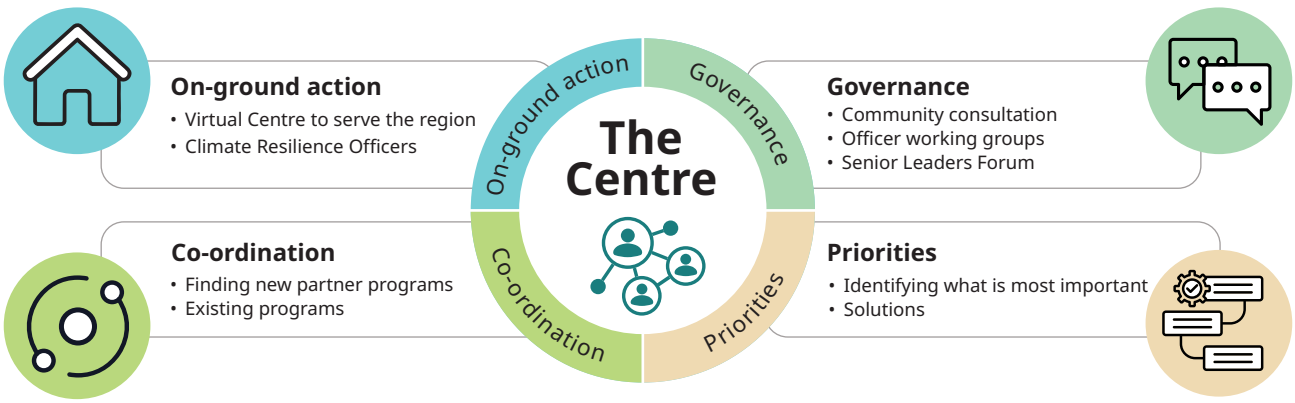
Learn more about the centre.

https://www.dcceew.gov.au/climate-change/policy/torres-strait-northern-peninsula-area-climate-resilience-centre

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## Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Australia and their continuing connection to land and sea, waters, environment and community. We pay our respects to the Traditional Custodians of the lands we live and work on, their culture, and their Elders past and present.




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