



# Gove Peninsula Investment Gateway Tool

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## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to facilitate structured and relevant information sharing by land use proponents (organisations/investors/businesses) with Traditional Owner corporations of the Gove Peninsula, where significant development or new industry is proposed.

## Overview

The completion of this form informs a 'gateway' assessment, that will enable Traditional Owner corporations to make a preliminary assessment of proposals and conduct (or commission) initial due diligence assessments<sup>1</sup> of proposals, in order to decide whether to proceed with engagement. Traditional Owners may elect to support the proposal to progress to further development/assessment or direct engagement, or may decide a project is not consistent with their aspirations for development on their land and advise they are not keen to consider the project further.

Endorsement by Traditional Owner corporations at this stage does not constitute approval by Traditional Owners to proceed with your proposal. However, support by relevant Traditional Owner corporations indicates a desire for further engagement.

### ***What this process is not***

- Please note that formal consultation with Traditional Owners to negotiate leases on Aboriginal Land is conducted by the Northern Land Council (NLC) separately to this Gateway Tool process. Due to the significant cost of consultation in remote areas, there is an expectation that the proponent(s) may be asked to make a financial contribution to any costs associated with consulting with Traditional Owners in relation to the proposed project.
- This form does not alter or displace any of a proponent's obligations to engage with relevant regulators in the Commonwealth and Northern Territory governments.

<sup>1</sup> Initial due diligence assessments may be conducted by TO Corporations themselves or requested to be conducted by the NT Government or Developing East Arnhem Limited.



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Transport, Regional Development,  
Communications and the Arts



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Australians Agency



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## Context

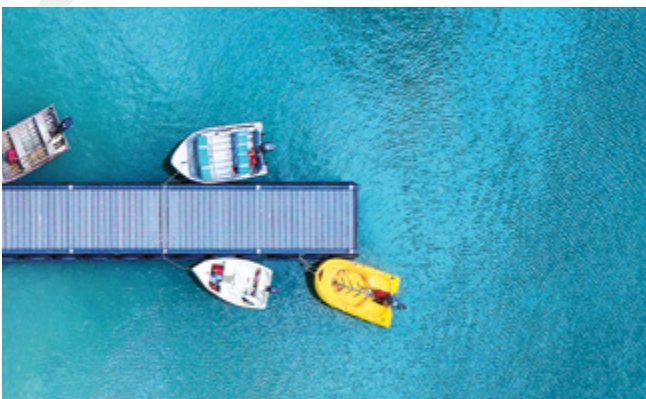
To assist stakeholders and investors to understand their aspirations for the future, Traditional Owners of the Gove Peninsula have documented their vision for what should happen after Rio Tinto's bauxite mining operation closes in [A new journey together, Traditional Owners' Vision for Gove Peninsula](#). More information about the Gove Peninsula Futures work and processes is available at <https://govefutures.nt.gov.au/>.

All of East Arnhem is granted Aboriginal Land (or granted Aboriginal Land held in escrow) owned by Traditional Owners under the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (ALRA)*. This means all development is by consent of the relevant Traditional Owners via relevant Northern Land Council processes. Further information about the Northern Land Council is available at [www.nlc.org.au](http://www.nlc.org.au).

A range of tenure information, as well as other geospatial information is available at [NR Maps](#).

The Gove Peninsula has unique land tenure characteristics and includes granted Aboriginal Land which has been vested in the Arnhem Land Aboriginal Land Trust, and granted Aboriginal Land held in escrow pending the expiry or early termination of the pre-existing Minerals Title and associated Special Purposes Leases. Maps showing the land tenures of the Gove Peninsula are attached below:

- Attachment A – Gove Peninsula region
- Attachment B – Nhulunbuy township
- Attachment C – Gove Port – including the Gunyangara Township Lease.



Development by consent requires that Traditional Owners, and the corporations they establish to advance their objectives, be empowered to make fully informed decisions regarding land access, industries and investment.

Although a number of other organisations might have a role in facilitating early engagement about the nature and extent of proposed land uses and proponents, those organisations are not ultimately decision-makers.

The Gove Peninsula is a special place within the broader East Arnhem region. [Information about East Arnhem Land](#) is available through Developing East Arnhem Limited's website through [Invest East Arnhem](#). The East Arnhem Regional Economic Growth Committee has developed a Regional Economic Growth Plan, which proponents may wish to review. The East Arnhem Tourism Destination Management Plan is located [here](#). Information about the Nhulunbuy township can be found [here](#).



## How to complete

Proponents looking to engage in development on the Gove Peninsula and surrounds should fill out the following form with all relevant information and return to Investment Territory (Department of the Chief Minister and Cabinet) by email: [investment@nt.gov.au](mailto:investment@nt.gov.au). Emails should include in the Subject: **Proposed Gove Peninsula Investment - <ORGANISATION NAME> <PROJECT NAME>**.

If a proponent would like to seek advice on preparing this form prior to engaging with Traditional Owner corporations, the following organisations can assist:

- NT Department of the Chief Minister & Cabinet – as an investment facilitation function, including supporting engagement with NT Government regulatory processes and agencies – contact: 08 8987 0536 or [Eastarnhem.CMC@nt.gov.au](mailto:Eastarnhem.CMC@nt.gov.au)
- [Developing East Arnhem Limited](#) (DEAL) – DEAL has an investment attraction function in East Arnhem and can act as a ‘front door’ for proponents in their engagement: (08) 8987 0558 or [ea@developingeastarnhem.com.au](mailto:ea@developingeastarnhem.com.au)
- Northern Land Council – The NLC has a statutory role in negotiation of leases on Aboriginal Land, including formal consultation processes with Traditional Owners: <https://www.nlc.org.au/>
- Rio Tinto – Rio Tinto Gove Operations has developed an Asset Memorandum to provide information about assets and infrastructure currently on leases that it holds, which could be available to industry/proponents, subject to Traditional Owner and regulatory approvals. Asset Memorandum is available [here](#) and further information from Rio Tinto can be obtained at [Future investment opportunities | Gove Futures](#)

Proponents should be aware that as part of collaborative approaches to securing the future of the Gove Peninsula, these organisations have been requested by Traditional Owner corporations to report regularly on the nature of enquiries or interest in development on the Gove Peninsula. Traditional Owner corporations also request timely completion of this form by proponents.



Subject to non-disclosure agreements, information in this form may be shared with the following organisations and agencies. Please indicate in the boxes provided if you do not want your information to be shared with any of the organisations listed below.

NT Government agencies

Please specify:

Developing East Arnhem Limited

Gumatj Corporation Limited

Rirratjinu Aboriginal Corporation

Rio Tinto

## Disclaimer and Consents

The form below does not replace any formal land tenure processes established by the Northern Land Council that relate to securing the use of Aboriginal Land in East Arnhem through agreements under Section 19 of the ALRA or otherwise.

By submitting this form, you give consent for the information contained herein to be shared with relevant Traditional Owner corporations and the Northern Land Council.

Should Traditional Owner corporations seek to engage further in respect of your proposal, you may be asked to sign a confidentiality or non-disclosure agreement to protect commercially sensitive information or intellectual property, including indigenous knowledge.

**Proponent details** (Please attach additional proponents in the same format).

This person and/or business entity will be presented to Traditional Owners as the party who will be working on the proposal.

Principal Proponent	Name:	
	Business name:	
	ABN/ACN:	
	Postal address:	
	Telephone:	
	Email:	
	Website:	
Additional Proponent or Partner/Joint Ventures (please attach detail if there is more than one partner)	Name:	
	Business name:	
	ABN/ACN:	
	Postal address:	
	Telephone:	
	Email:	
	Website:	

**Type of business entity**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Company	<input type="checkbox"/>	Aboriginal Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint Venture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sole Trader
<input type="checkbox"/>	Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Government Organisation (NGO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify)		

**Description of proposal**

Provide a description of the proposed activity. Please attach any relevant materials or documentation that will assist in understanding the detail of your plans and/or proposed works.

**Strategic alignment**

How would your proposal advance the objectives outlined in the *Traditional Owner Vision for the Gove Peninsula*?

**Commitment to working collaboratively with Traditional Owners**

How do you intend to work with Traditional Owners to support strong outcomes and two-way knowledge-sharing?

**Cultural or business affiliations**

Do you have any cultural or business affiliations with the identified Traditional Owner group for the area of land in question?

Yes	Please give details:
No	



**What is the principal reason for undertaking the proposed activity?**

**Specific site and location showing proposed land use area.**

Clearly mark areas on the Maps at Attachments A, B and C areas of land that you are interested in

**How long do you require access to the land?**

Expected Term:		Start Date:		End Date:	
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**Can you provide the estimated timeline for each stage of your project, including any applicable feasibility, planning, design, financing, procurement, construction, operation and closure/ remediation? For each stage, please indicate the estimated month and year for start and completion as well as any additional description or detail you can share.**

**Do you intend to sub-lease?**

No		Yes		(If yes, please provide details of your proposed sub-leasing plans.)
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**Access to the proposed land use operational area**

How do you intend to access the proposed land use operational area? Please attach a map marking the access route (or proposed roads).

Air – Name of airstrip/airport	
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Road – Names of roads and tracks	
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Sea/Barge Landing/Port – Indicate what facilities you would like to access	
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**Business experience**

Please describe your business background, experience and skills. Attach any relevant documentation that provides evidence to support your ability to successfully deliver the proposal, including relevant experience doing business on the Gove Peninsula or on other Aboriginal land in the Northern Territory.

**Details of commercial business plan (if applicable)**

Provide a brief description of your business plan or attach a copy. If possible, please include a separate proposed timeline for achievement of milestones associated with the proposal.

Source of finance (\$)					
	Private		Bank / Finance Institution		Government Grant / Loan
Other (Specify)				Estimated value of investment: (\$)	
Government assistance sought or secured (\$)					
Organisation				Amount (\$)	
	Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA)				
	Australian Government				
	NT Government				
	Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC)				
	Other (specify)				
Benefit to the Peninsula					
How will this proposal contribute to essential services and infrastructure and/or to the economy and capacity on the Gove Peninsula?					
Benefits for Yolngu / Traditional Owners					
(including job opportunities, contribution towards education and training pathways, and contribution to local industry and workforce development).					

<b>Number of jobs expected to be created:</b>	Direct:		Indirect:	
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**Other benefits to the Gove Peninsula**  
(eg. service delivery, infrastructure development)

**Risks to the Peninsula**

Are there any identified risks to the Gove Peninsula from an economic, social or environmental perspective? How could these risks be managed?

As part of your answer, please detail measures that will be undertaken to adhere to compliance and regulatory regimes relevant to your proposal (e.g. land-use agreements on Aboriginal Land)

**Risks to public health** (including employee safety and safety for the general public)

Please include an early indication of how you plan to manage any risks

**Risks to the environment**

Please include an early indication of how you plan to manage any risks

**Other risks or sensitivities**

**Industry licences**

To legally carry out the proposed activity, please state industry licences, permits and/or accreditations required for your proposal and supply copies of these documents.

**What infrastructure developments and capital purchases are proposed?**

Please detail proposed timeframes for construction and purchase of capital items. If available, a scope of works and site plan should be included.

**Enabling dependencies**

Please detail whether the proposal is reliant on any essential services and infrastructure outside the scope of the proposal.

**Respect for two-way confidentiality**

Both proponent and Traditional Owner parties will have commercial and intellectual property sensitivities in discussion of potential land use. You agree to respect the commercial sensitivities of Traditional Owner parties at all stages of project development.

	Agree		Disagree
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**Authorisation**

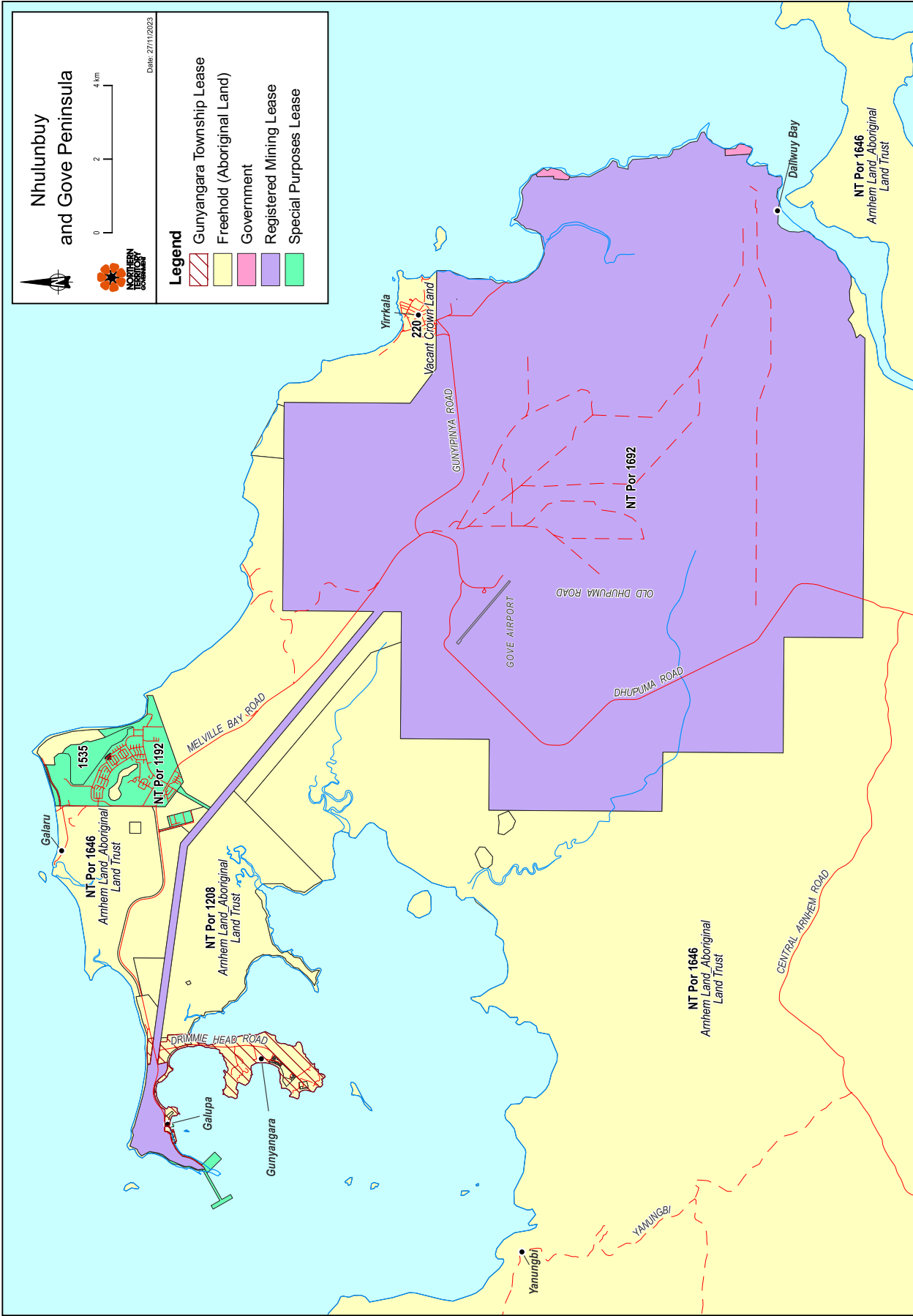
Proponent(s) must sign and date the form. Hard copies should be printed on one side only.  
 Proponent(s) must submit the original application in hard copy to Investment Territory (The Department of Chief Minister and Cabinet) by email: [investment@nt.gov.au](mailto:investment@nt.gov.au)

- By signing this form the Proponent(s) declare that the information provided is true and correct at the time of making this submission.
- Traditional Owners may request the Proponent(s) to provide additional information to consider this proposal; failing to provide the requested information may impede the consideration process.

Principal Proponent		Additional Proponent	
Name		Name	
Signature		Signature	
Date		Date	

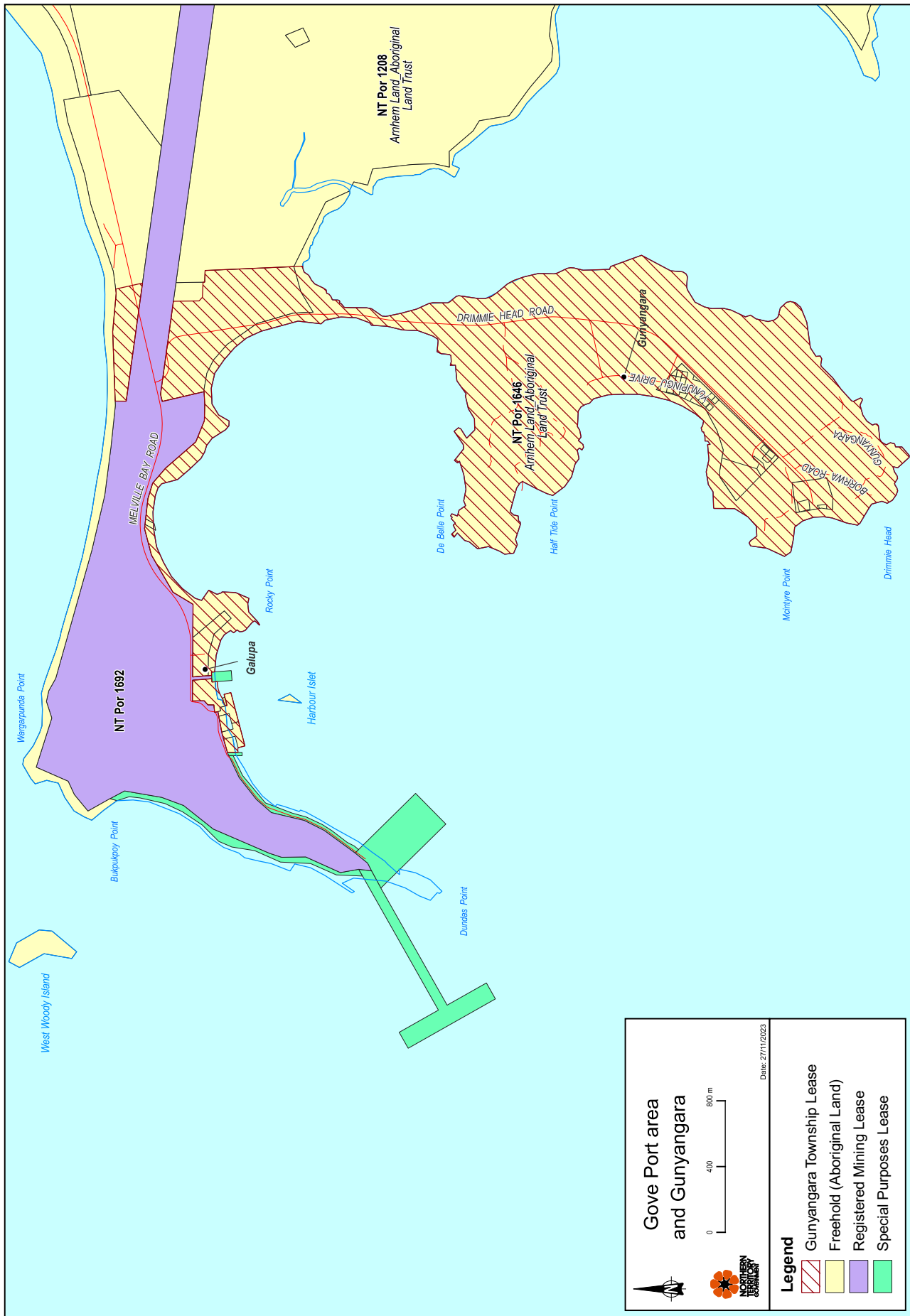


# Attachment A - Tenure Map of Gove Peninsula



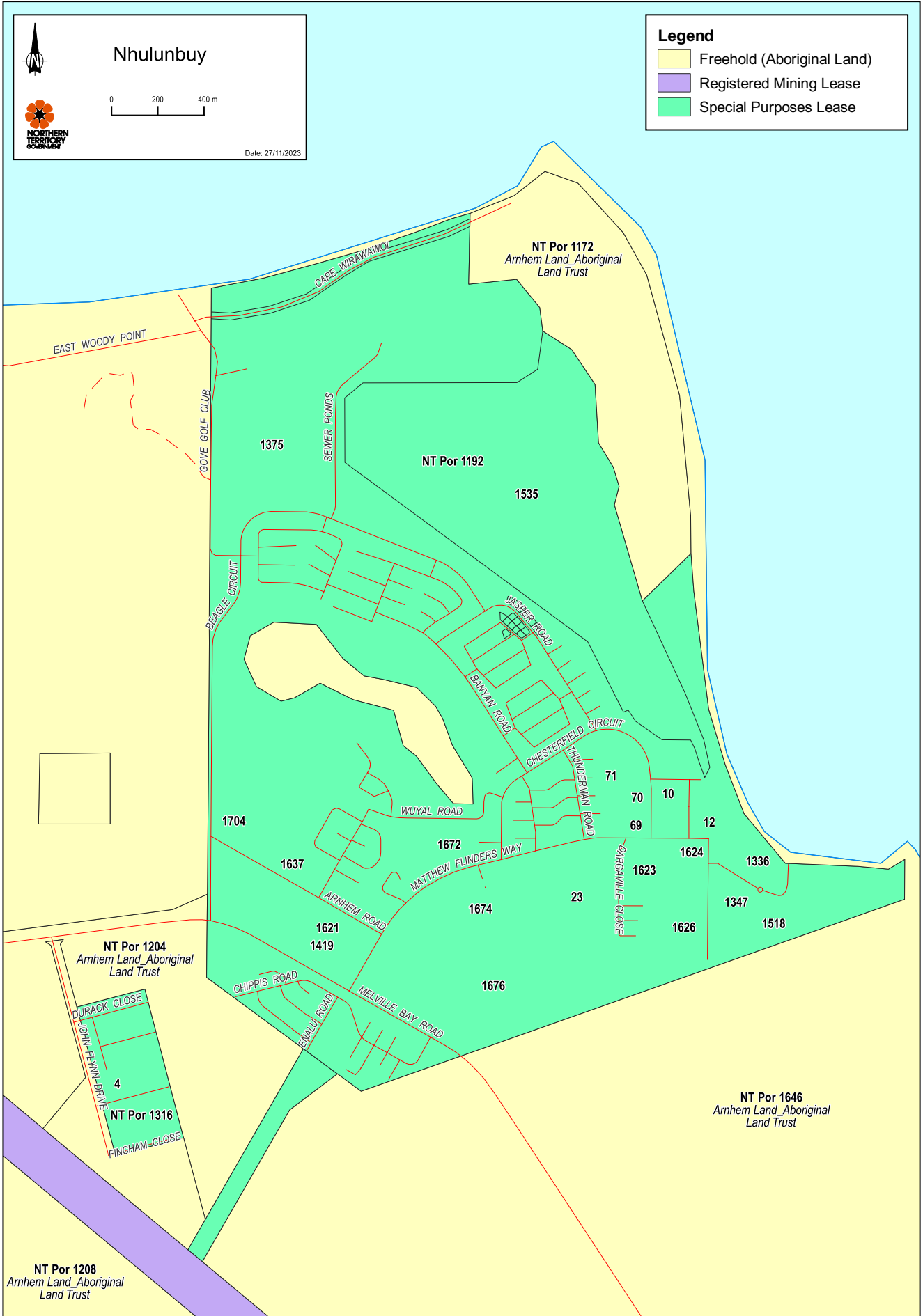
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# Attachment B - Tenure Map of Gove Port and Gonyangara



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# Attachment C - Tenure Map of Nhulunbuy



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