# Indigenous Environmental Health Worker Program

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### **Funding Agreements**

- 2004-2006 \$108,000 Host Agreement with Wila Gutharra Aboriginal Corporation Inc.
- 2007-2010 \$235,000 Community Outcomes
- 2009-2012 \$46,000 Waste water and Training Projects
- 2010/11 \$55,000 Midwest Forum Projects
- 2010 2013 -\$348,000 Community Outcomes

Total - \$792,000





### Scope of Service

- Midwest, Murchison and Gascoyne
  - Mullewa, Geraldton, Cue, Meekatharra,
     Northampton, Mt Magnet, Carnarvon
    - West Coastal Aboriginal Communities

#### Communities Participating in EHNS

 Badjaling (19)
 Karalundi (106)

 Barrel Well (27)
 Madunka Ewurry (19)

 Billinue (43)
 Marribank (1)

 Burringurrah (150)
 Mungullah (150)

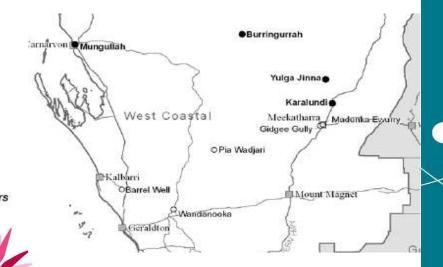
 Cullacabardee (50)
 Pia Wadjari (40)

 Gidgee Gully (20)
 Wandanooka (40)

 Gnangara (65)
 Yulga Jinna (52)

Numbers in bracket above denotes number of community members

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When prompted, housing and dust are also the highest recorded environmental health concerns (64%). This is consistent with the previous table findings.

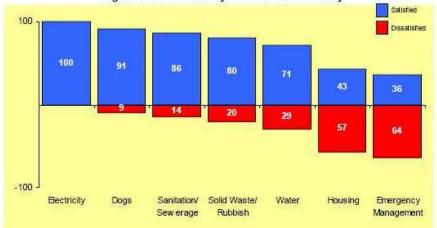
Table 4.133: Community Needs (prompted)

Identified Need	Communities	%
Housing/overcrowding/maintenance	9	64.3
Dust	9	64.3
Water quality/supply	5	35.7
Rubbish collection	5	35.7
Dogs	4	28.6
Electricity supply/interruptions/no power	3	21.4
Sewerage connections/plumbing	3	21.4
Emergency management	2	14.3
Total	14	

Base: All communities

When asked their satisfaction with each of the key environmental health areas, emergency management and housing each record higher proportions of dissatisfied versus satisfied (Figure 4.17).

Figure 4.17: Community Satisfaction Summary







<sup>%</sup> may exceed 100% due to multiple responses being allowed for this question

## Current Program/Projects

- Housing referrals
  - MRAC, DHW
- Training support
  - Empower Education
- Rubbish removal
  - Bundiyarra Aboriginal Corp
- Dog Health
  - Carnarvon Vet, Rangers
- Plumbing audits
  - PLB
- Health promotion
  - Schools and Yamaji Radio
- Greater Geraldton a vibrant future

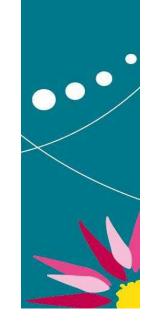
- Training Videos
  - waste, water, pest control and dogs
- Demo waste water re-use systems
  - MEEDAC, DHW
- Midwest Forum
  - 21 Agencies



### **Current Activities**

- Number of Completed Referrals
   2010/11 361
- Rubbish 25%
- Pest 35%
- Animals 1%
- Plumbing 24%
- Community Clean Ups 15%





### Proposed Activities

- Pest Control License Durack Institute
- Restricted plumbing permit PLB
- Community Gardens HCI Project
- Community Nursery Tree planting
- Food Bank initiatives



