



ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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COMMUNIQUE

The Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee (the Committee) enables whole-of-government co-ordination on strategic government initiatives and policies that affect the cultural, health and economic outcomes for Aboriginal people in Western Australia (WA).

Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy, Office of Accountability for Aboriginal Affairs and Closing the Gap Implementation

The final draft of the WA Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy (Strategy) was presented to the Committee. The Office of Accountability for Aboriginal Affairs and a new Aboriginal Regional Representative Structure are pivotal planks of the Strategy, as outlined by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs in his NAIDOC Week 2020 speech.

WA Recovery Plan Implementation

The Committee noted an update on progress of the implementation of the WA Recovery Plan.

The WA Recovery Plan was released on 26 July 2020 and includes over 500 initiatives that will be implemented to support the State's economic and social recovery from COVID-19. This includes over 300 infrastructure projects.

The Recovery initiatives seek to address the widespread economic and social impacts from the pandemic as captured in initial recovery impact statements and from insights raised at the 21 Ministerial roundtables, including with the Aboriginal Advisory Council of WA and the State Recovery Advisory Council.

Sustainable Health Implementation Program Update

The Committee noted an update on progress of recommendations in the Sustainable Health Review (SHR) Final Report over the last 12-months.

The SHR Final Report to the WA Government, launched by the Minister for Health on 10 April 2019, provides an ambitious blueprint for rebalancing the health system over the next ten years to ensure that Western Australians receive quality health care that can be sustained for future generations.

The SHR Final Report outlines 30 recommendations under eight Enduring Strategies. The recommendations focus on providing a strategic direction for the WA Health system, to deliver patient centered, equitable, integrated, high quality and financially sustainable healthcare across Western Australia.

Social Investment Data Resource

The Department of Treasury presented to the Committee on the Social Investment Data Resource (SIDR) project.

The SIDR is designed to improve the quality and availability of data for research, evaluation, and policy-making. The Social Investment Data Resource is a linked, administrative database containing de-identified information on young Western Australians who have had contact with key government agencies.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander status is collected as part of the de-identified data, noting the historical sensitivities regarding data collation and sharing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

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CHAIR

**Confidential deliberations are not included.*