**Communique – Meeting 6 (9 April 2021)**

The sixth meeting of the Implementation Group took place at Wungening Aboriginal Corporation and was hosted by Mr Keiran Dent. Keiran provided an Acknowledgment of country and opened the meeting which was attended by
Mr William Hayward co-chair, Ms Glenda Kickett, Ms Emma Truman, Mr Glenn Pearson, Mr Damien Parriman and Mr Jonathon Reid.

Ms Natasha Kickett (Senior Practice Development Officer, Department of Communities) pre-birth planning facilitator, provided a presentation and discussion on her experience and the benefits of having an Aboriginal person to facilitate meetings. Natasha identified that meetings are often inclusive of more extended family, that emotions can be experienced throughout the meeting and the meetings are more culturally safe for families.

Advice from the Roundtable report recommended that the convenors of the AFLDM meetings must be Aboriginal. The Implementation Group upheld the recommendation.

Kathryn Ashworth from the Department of Communities presented the procurement approaches to inform members’ decisions on the convenor model, training provider and evaluator. The feedback provided to the Department by the Implementation Group was intentional - information relating to the tender process should be communicated with the sector at earliest convenience to give organisations the best opportunity to provide high quality applications, giving the pilot the best opportunity for success.

The decision regarding the convenor model will allow Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations (ACCO) to apply and provide placed-based support in the identified pilot locations.

Advice from the Roundtables Report recommended the Implementation Group provided advice regarding the convenor model. This decision determined that an ACCO be appointed as the head contractor and convenors are to be supported through the ACCO.

Members provided feedback on elements to be included in the position description for convenors which will be made available during the procurement process.

At the next meeting on 23 April, members will have a detailed discussion on training provider.