



## ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

MEETING NO. 13 – 29 April 2021

### COMMUNIQUE

The Aboriginal Affairs Co-ordinating 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.

#### ***Remote Essential Services Project***

The Department of Communities presented to the Committee on the Remote Essential Services Project.

The Remote Essential Services Project is reviewing options for the provision of power and water services in remote Aboriginal communities.

The Department of Communities currently funds power and water services in 139 remote Aboriginal communities and three town-based reserves across the state.

#### ***Closing the Gap Implementation***

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet is coordinating the development of a draft Implementation Plan, which outlines the Western Australian (WA) Government's approach to meeting its commitments under the National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet provided an update to the Committee on the progress of the draft Implementation Plan.

#### ***Aboriginal Economic Development across the WA Recovery Portfolio***

In early 2021, the Aboriginal Advisory Council of Western Australia and the Committee provided in-principle support to an approach to maximising economic development and employment outcomes for Aboriginal people and businesses in relation to recovery infrastructure projects.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet provided an update to the Committee on progress of the supported approach.

Rebecca Brown

**CHAIR**

*\*Confidential deliberations are not included.*