



Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation Kununurra

Stakeholder Engagement: What did we hear?

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	<p>A company called Think Culture was asked by the government (Department of Communities) to speak to people in the East Kimberley about a proposed new Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation facility in Kununurra.</p>
	<p>This accommodation will be for Aboriginal people needing a short-term place to stay while visiting Kununurra for medical appointments, sorry business, sporting and cultural events, visiting family, education and other important reasons.</p>
	<p>Think Culture spoke to over 80 people, including Aboriginal people and Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations. This included people living in Broome, Derby, Kununurra, Halls Creek and Wyndham, Warmun, Kalumburu, Balgo, Wadeye (NT) and Timber Creek (NT).</p> <p>This is the first significant community engagement for the project. There will be more opportunities for other groups and individuals to have a say in 2022.</p>
	<p>The people who were consulted said that they would like the accommodation to be safe and secure for guests. They said outdoor areas should cater to the needs of Aboriginal people with outdoor cooking areas, seating and meeting areas, kids' playgrounds and shade.</p> <p>The people also said they wanted the following within the accommodation: meeting rooms, games rooms, computers to access the internet and transport services.</p>

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	<p>The people said they thought the proposed 70-bed facility was appropriate given the expected demand in Kununurra.</p> <p>They had no preference for the type of rooms that could be built. It was recognised that rooms with ensuites would help if there is a need for isolation and quarantine (such the COVID-19 experience).</p>
	<p>Most people agreed that a maximum length of stay of 28 days was good, with longer stays to be considered for special circumstances. People thought a fee of \$30 a night to stay at the facility was reasonable.</p>
	<p>People also told Think Culture that the accommodation should be run in a culturally appropriate way that understands Aboriginal people and the different groups who stay there.</p>
	<p>A number of service providers operating in Kununurra may be interested in operating the Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation Facility. There are also employment, training and learning opportunities for local people and providers to be involved with construction and operations of the facility.</p>
	<p>The Department of Communities would like to keep listening to people who may end up using the Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation Facility. There will be more opportunities to have a say about the facility later this year.</p>

Think Culture would like to respectfully acknowledge the Miriwung and Gajerrong people as the Traditional Owners of the land on which this project relates to, and which many people were engaged upon for this project. We would like to pay our respect to the Elders past and present.

Further information

To find out more about Kununurra Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation project, please visit our website or contact us by email.

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