



South West Native Title Settlement

Community Development Framework

The South West Native Title Settlement (Settlement) is a landmark native title agreement negotiated between the Noongar people and the Western Australian Government (WA Government). The Settlement commenced on 25 February 2021.

The Settlement, involving six Noongar Native Title Agreement Groups, and covering 200,000 square kilometres of land, represents significant social and economic investment in the Noongar community and the shared future of Western Australia.

For the latest Settlement information visit wa.gov.au (the WA Government website).

About the Framework

The Community Development Framework (Framework) is a commitment between the WA Government and the Noongar people to a set of principles, priorities and governance arrangements to advance Noongar community development. The Framework aims to provide an environment for key government agencies, non-government organisations (NGOs) and industry to work collaboratively with the Noongar community, six Noongar Regional Corporations and Central Services Corporation (collectively, the Noongar Corporations) in the design and delivery of human and community services and programs, in a manner consistent with shared principles and priorities.



Map of the Settlement Area showing the six Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA) ('Settlement Agreement') area boundaries

What are the Key Objectives?

- Improved and sustainable social and economic outcomes for the Noongar community;
- Strengthening of Noongar culture, language, traditional knowledge, values and identity in continuation with a greater understanding and celebration of Noongar culture and society throughout Western Australia;
- Increased capacity for Government and other service providers to work more effectively, and partner with Noongar people in the design and delivery of human and community services; and
- Improvements in economic independence, leadership and governance, and self-esteem across the Noongar community.

Who will oversee Framework implementation?

Implementation of the Framework will be overseen by the Community Development Reference Group (Reference Group), which will comprise:

- Members of the Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee (AACC);
- Chair/Representatives from the seven Noongar Corporations; and
- Representatives from NGOs delivering services to the Noongar community.

The Reference Group will meet bi-annually, and will be co-chaired by a nominated representative from the AACC, and from the Noongar Corporations.

How will the Framework be implemented regionally?

At the regional level, the key implementation mechanism will be the District Leadership Groups who coordinate cross-agency human service delivery activities across the various metropolitan and regional areas covered by the Settlement. These Groups comprise a range of WA Government human service agency managers, together with representatives of Local and Commonwealth Governments and NGOs. They will meet regularly with the relevant Noongar Regional Corporations to oversee the implementation of the Framework.

What are the Framework's Priorities and Principles?

The Framework identifies the following agreed **priorities** as a focus for meeting the Framework's objectives:

- Safeguarding, developing and transmitting Noongar Culture;
- Capacity building and leadership;
- Housing;
- Youth;
- Health; and
- Education.

Further region-specific priorities may be agreed, and the priorities will be reviewed after 5 years.

The Framework's **guiding principles** are centred on:

- Recognition of Noongar culture;
- A partnership approach;
- Transparency, accountability, good governance; and
- Sustainable, strengths-based and responsive service delivery.

What is happening in the lead up to Framework Commencement?

Prior to Framework commencement, WA Government, Noongar community and District Leadership Group representatives are working together to confirm roles and practical arrangements for engagement.

When will the Framework commence?

The Framework will commence following the establishment of the Noongar Corporations.

Once established, the Noongar Corporations can nominate their representatives for the Reference Group, confirm regional engagement arrangements with the District Leadership Groups, and commence these partnerships to progress Framework objectives.

Further information

Further information about the Settlement, including the six ILUAs made in compliance with the Commonwealth *Native Title Act 1993*, and the Community Development Framework – Annexure T to the ILUAs, can be found on the website of the WA Government

<https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/department-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/south-west-native-title-settlement>