

ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE MARCH AND SEPTEMBER MEETING COMMUNIQUE

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

The AACC met on 31 March and 2 September 2022. This communique provides an update on matters considered at those meetings.

Aboriginal Advisory Council Western Australia

The Aboriginal Advisory Council Western Australia (the Council) provided an update on membership matters, Closing the Gap progress and the establishment of a Western Australian ACCO¹ Peak Body. In September 2022 the Council facilitated the Culture at the Heart Workshop. This workshop brought representatives from Aboriginal advisory bodies across government together to develop a shared understanding of priorities and consider opportunities for strategic coordination across Aboriginal Affairs in Western Australia.

Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee Refresh and Governance Arrangements

At its March meeting the AACC agreed Closing the Gap and Native Title and compensation as key priorities for the group. To support delivery across these priorities a new governance model was adopted, which included expanding the membership of the AACC and the establishment of two Deputies Groups.

Whole-of-Government Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation Strategy

A whole-of-government ACCO Strategy is being developed in partnership with the Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia's Social Services Committee and an update on this was provided at the AACC meeting in March.

Commonwealth Government Aboriginal Affairs Policy Priorities and Commitments

At the September 2022 meeting the AACC discussed the focus of the new Australian government on Aboriginal Affairs and how this may influence and present opportunities for Western Australia.

Closing the Gap

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet provided an update on the Joint Council on Closing the Gap meeting on 26 August 2022. The AACC also discussed the Child Protection (Target 12), Justice (Target 10 and 11), and Water (Target 15B) targets.

Native Title

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet noted current Native Title activities across government.

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CHAIR

**Confidential deliberations are not included.*

¹ Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations