



ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE MARCH 2023 MEETING

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 23 March 2023. This communique provides an update on matters considered at the meeting.

Aboriginal Advisory Council Western Australia

The Aboriginal Advisory Council Western Australia (the Council) emphasised the importance of the Western Australian Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy to working in partnership with Aboriginal people and communities and in guiding work across Aboriginal Affairs in WA.

Federal / State Aboriginal Affairs Matters

The AACC were updated regarding Pat Turner's, Convenor of the Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peaks organisation, address to National Cabinet on progress under closing the gap. The AACC also noted States and Territories commitment to a constitutionally enshrined Voice to Parliament through a signed Statement of Intent following National Cabinet on 3 February 2023.

Closing the Gap 2023

The AACC discussed the 2023 program of work for Closing the Gap noting there are several significant pieces of work underway; including development of an updated State Implementation Plan for Closing the Gap.

The AACC also considered data released by the Productivity Commission on 7 March 2023 which provided new data on nine of the socioeconomic targets under Closing the Gap.

Closing the Gap Targets

The AACC discussed the education targets (Targets 7).

Emily Roper
CHAIR

**Confidential deliberations are not included.*