



ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 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 November 2023. This communique provides an update on matters considered at the meeting.

Aboriginal Advisory Council Western Australia

Co-Chairs discussed the importance of strengthening the strategic focus Aboriginal Advisory Council WA and AACC, in line with the principles of the Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy and the Priority Reforms areas. Emphasis was placed on the importance of continued member engagement with the AACC.

Closing the Gap

The AACC noted WA's Closing the Gap achievements in 2023, including the establishment of the Council of Aboriginal Services WA (CASWA), WA's Aboriginal Expenditure Review, Jurisdictional Implementation Plan, Closing the Gap Annual Report 2022-23 and contribution towards National activities.

The AACC discussed key priorities for 2024. Significant areas of focus will include strengthening the Council of Aboriginal Services WA (CASWA) and solidifying partnerships with key Aboriginal partners to accelerate WA's Closing the Gap progress.

The Department of Treasury provided an update on Closing the Gap 2024-25 budget considerations and the Aboriginal Expenditure Review next iteration.

The Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation presented on activities supporting the employment target (Outcome 8).

Emily Roper

CHAIR

**Confidential deliberations are not included.*