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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

17 AUGUST 2018 MEETING

The Aboriginal Affairs Co-ordinating Committee (AACC) was established under section 19 of the *Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority Act 1972*. The AACC enables whole-of-government co-ordination on strategic government initiatives and policies that affect the lives of Aboriginal people in Western Australia.

The 2nd meeting of the Aboriginal Affairs Co-ordinating Committee (AACC) took place on 17 August 2018, at Dumas House in West Perth.

The Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC) provides secretariat and administrative support to the AACC.

The AACC considered the following:

- **Northern Australia – Recent Progress** – DPC provided an update on activities related to the Commonwealth Government’s Northern Australia Agenda. An Indigenous Reference Group has been established and the Commonwealth is progressing the recommendations. The Commonwealth is also pursuing Regional Collaboration Deals.
- **Western Australia Aboriginal Affairs Framework** – DPC outlined intention to develop an Aboriginal Affairs framework for WA. AACC members provided feedback on key elements, noting systemic bias and the need to shift to a ‘culturally responsive system’.
- **Infrastructure Investment Framework for Remote Aboriginal Communities** – The Department of Communities presented the State Government’s framework on future infrastructure investment in remote Aboriginal communities and outlined the principles the State Government is proposing to use to make place-based infrastructure investment decisions. The AACC noted the principles.

The next meeting of the AACC is scheduled for 12 September 2018.

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Chairperson
Aboriginal Affairs Co-ordinating Committee

August 2018

**confidential deliberations are not included.*