

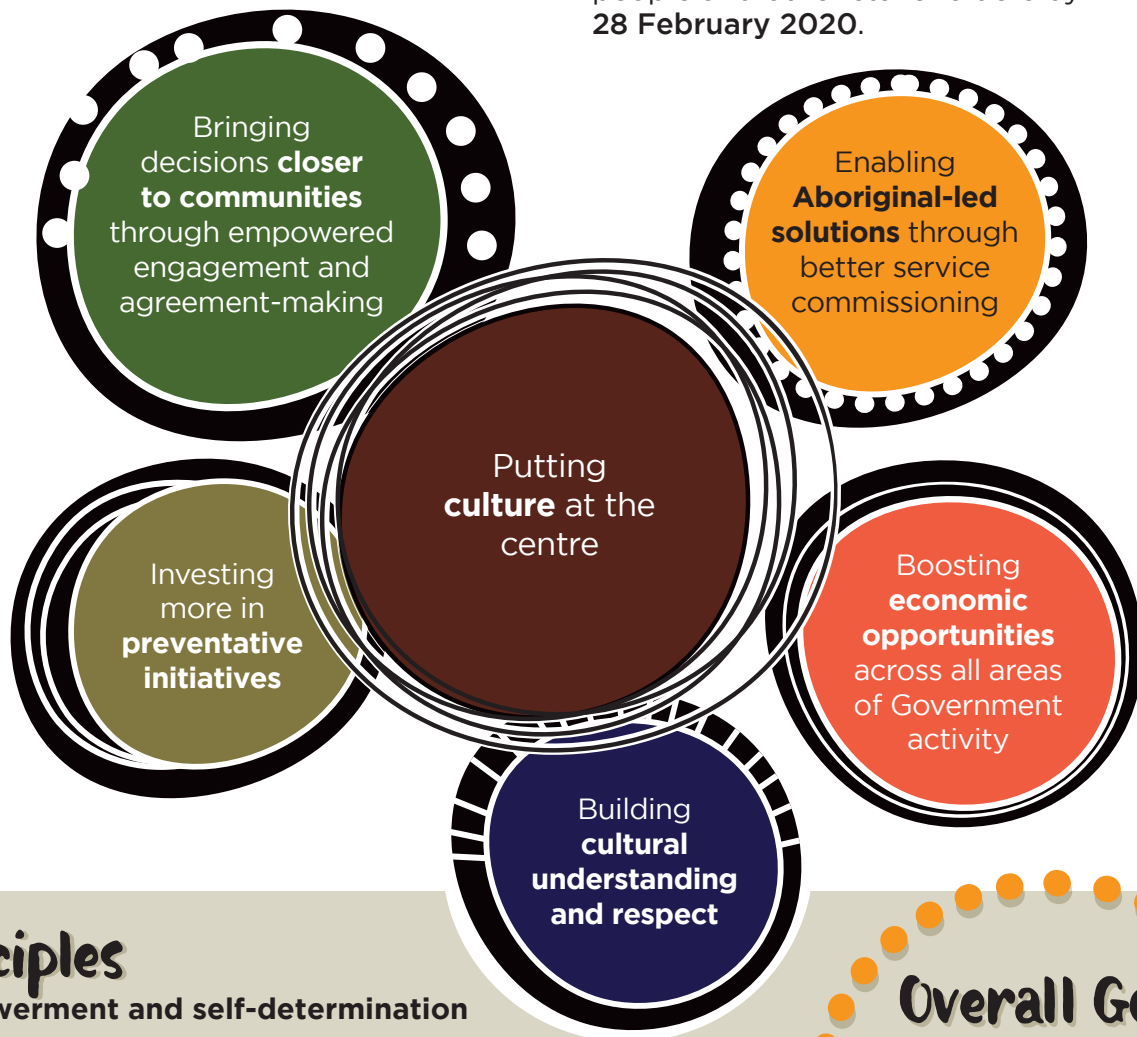
# Developing an Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy for the WA Government

The Western Australian Government is committed to working with Aboriginal people for better outcomes. We are developing a whole-of-government strategy to make this commitment a reality.

The strategy will be long-term, high-level, and built around Aboriginal people's views, priorities, voices, and aspirations.

The Government has released a discussion paper called A Path Forward. It sets out the key messages we have heard from Aboriginal people previously, and suggests some strategic directions for the future. This information sheet summarises the discussion paper's main points.

We are keen to hear views from Aboriginal people and other stakeholders by **28 February 2020**.



## Principles

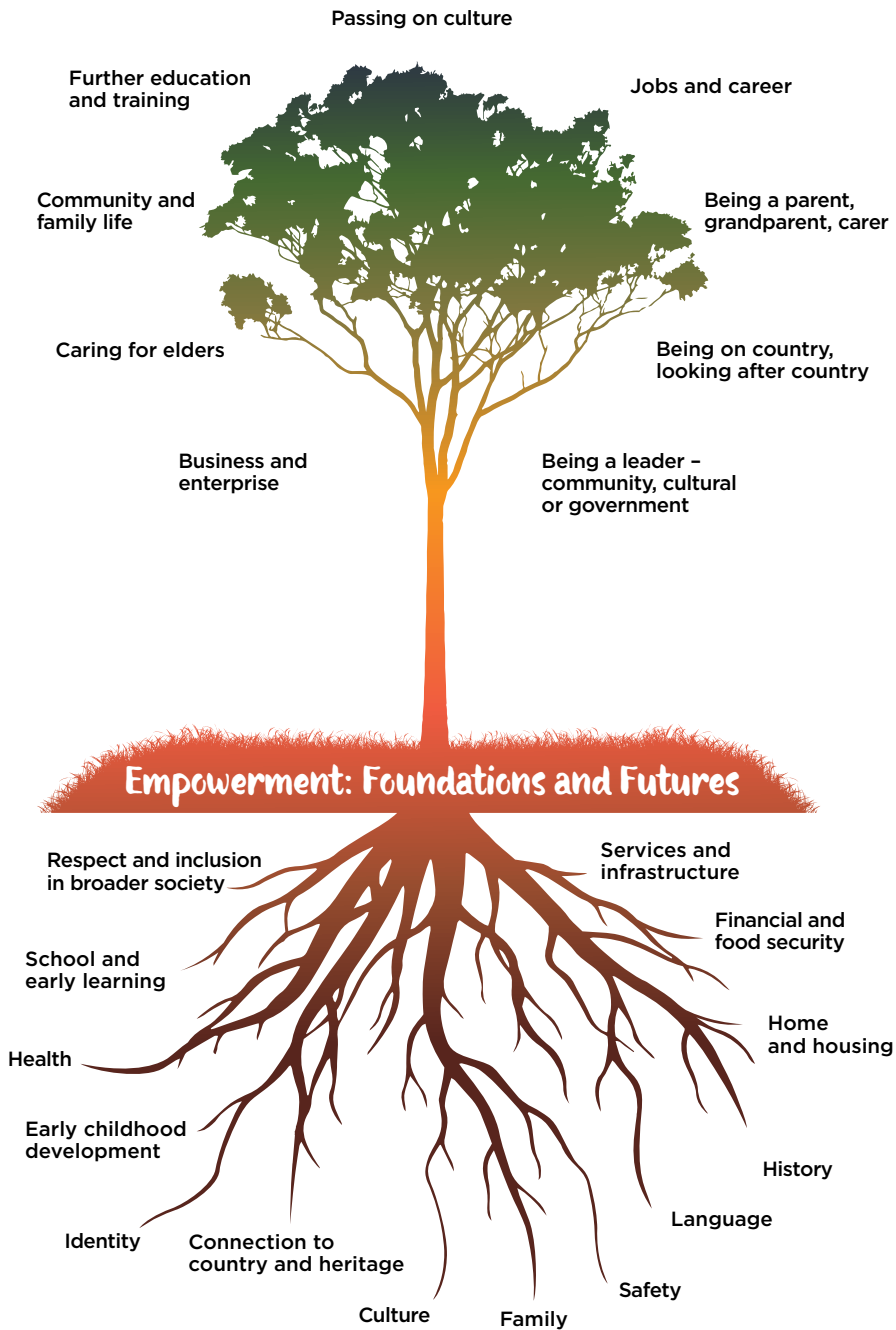
- **Empowerment and self-determination**
- **Culture and country**
- **Diversity of people and places**
- **Services** – Aboriginal involvement, cultural responsiveness, family focus, place-based, trauma-informed, flexibility, accessibility, accountability
- **Evidence and Data**

## Overall Goal

Aboriginal people, families and communities being **empowered** to live **good lives** and **choose their own futures** from a **secure foundation**.

## What does empowerment mean to you?

Nobody else can define what “success” looks like for a person, family or community. Aboriginal people must be free to make their own decisions about what a “good life” means and how to achieve it. The tree below shows what this idea might look like for different people.



## The bigger picture

- The strategy will support other existing Government frameworks and policies, and shape future ones.
- State and regional action plans will be developed with Aboriginal people.
- Important issues at the State level will be considered by the WA Aboriginal Advisory Council. The Government is talking to Aboriginal people about new ways of representing the views in each region.
- The Government is working to set up an independent statutory office for accountability and advocacy in Aboriginal affairs. This office would hold the Government accountable for implementing the strategy.
- The strategy’s impact in improving Aboriginal people’s wellbeing will be measured through the refreshed Closing the Gap framework.



## Please tell us what you think

1. Are the main ideas right?
2. Are we using the right words?
3. What else should we be thinking about?

To give your views or ask questions, please contact the **Aboriginal Policy and Coordination Unit**



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Please note, the last date to get in contact is Friday 28 February 2020. All written feedback will be published online unless you ask us not to.