









# Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation Project

## THE GERALDTON ABORIGINAL SHORT STAY ACCOMMODATION PROJECT




### WHAT DID WE HEAR?

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	A company called 'Keogh Bay' was asked by government (the Department of Communities) to speak to people within the Midwest Gascoyne Region about what they want within a new Geraldton Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation building. They also reviewed some data.
	This accommodation will be for Aboriginal people needing a place to stay, for a short time, while visiting Geraldton for health reasons, funerals, shopping, cultural reasons, social trips and other important reasons (once it is built).
	Keogh Bay spoke to 68 people, including 44 Aboriginal people for the Project. This included people living in Buttah Windee, Carnarvon, Geraldton, Meekatharra, Mullewa, Mt Magnet, Shark Bay, Yalgoo and Wiluna. We understand that we did not speak to everyone, but there will be more opportunities to have a say.
	People said that they would like the accommodation to be of a good quality, be warm, private and be a safe place to stay (no alcohol/drugs/violence). People also told Keogh Bay that the accommodation should be run in a culturally safe way that understands Aboriginal people and the different groups who stay there.
	In terms of building the accommodation, people said that there should be groups of units/rooms clustered together, that are spaced out from other units.
	In relation to the design of the building and gardens, people felt they should look and feel like the natural environment, use local plants and have artwork from different language groups.



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	<p>People asked whether the rooms that people sleep in could also be private, cater for large family groups/people who can't share a bedroom for cultural reasons and have bathrooms and kitchens/kitchenettes.</p>
	<p>People who were consulted also said they wanted the following within the accommodation: fire pits, BBQs, walking paths, a kids playground, a basketball court, tea/coffee/toast station, someone to have a cup of tea with, bedding, toiletries, transport from the accommodation to important places and other ideas.</p>
 PEOPLE SITTING	<p>There will be more opportunities to have a say about the Geraldton Aboriginal Short Stay Accommodation later this year.</p>

Keogh Bay would like to acknowledge the Midwest Aboriginal Organisation Alliance (MAOA) for their support with the project, as well as the stakeholders who provided input into this important project.

Keogh Bay would like to respectfully acknowledge the Yamatji Peoples who are the Traditional Owners and First People of the land on which this Project relates to and which many people were engaged upon for this project. We would like to pay our respect to the Elders past, present and future.