

## Communique - Meeting No. 010/2021 27 January 2021

The Aboriginal Advisory Council of Western Australia (the Council) held Meeting No. 010 on Wednesday 27 January 2021 via videoconference. The meeting was restricted to internal items only as presented by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC).

The Co-Chairs, Ms Gail Beck and Mr Martin (Marty) Sibosado, chaired the meeting.

**Key items discussed and considered by the Council included the following:**

### ***Aboriginal Affairs Policy Planning Workshop***

On 20 January 2021, representatives of all WA Government departments, the Council and other key stakeholders participated in a forum to review their shared ambition for Aboriginal Affairs policy reform.

The Acting Director General of DPC, Ms Rebecca Brown, attended the meeting and provided feedback on the forum to Council.

### ***Lead Agencies Reconciliation Action Plan***

DPC, the Department of Treasury and the Public Sector Commission are collaborating to develop a joint *Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan* (RAP). The RAP reflects and solidifies the organisations' commitment to reconciliation, providing structure and measurable outcomes as a platform to enhance the reconciliation journey.

The draft RAP was provided to Council for consideration and feedback.

### ***Maximising Aboriginal Economic Development and Employment in Recovery***

The importance of maximising opportunities in the [WA Recovery Plan](#) to support Aboriginal economic development and employment which has been highlighted and reinforced by the Council at Meeting No.08 on 08 October 2020.

DPC presented a proposed approach to bring together and elevate existing WA Government functions and expertise for the purpose of maximising economic development and employment outcomes for Aboriginal people and businesses in relation to recovery infrastructure projects.

***Closing the Gap National Agreement Implementation***

The Council received an update on progress of the State's implementation of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. The Council will continue to partner with DPC in the development of the State's initial Implementation Plan.

**The next meeting of the Council is Tuesday 27 April 2021.**

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\* Confidential agenda items were not included in this Communique.