

Communique - Meeting No. 012/2021 23 and 24 June 2021

The Aboriginal Advisory Council of Western Australia (the Council) held Meeting No. 012 on Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 June 2021 at Dumas House in West Perth, with some members joining via videoconference.

Mr Marty Sibosado, Co-Chair, chaired the meeting.

Key items discussed and considered by the Council included the following.

Presentations by Agencies

A number of presentations by WA Government agencies were made during the meeting, providing information or seeking advice as follows:

Indigenous Voice Co-Design – Interim report on Process and Proposals

The Council received an update by Professor Tom Calma and Professor Dr Marcia Langton and discussed the now complete community consultation on the Voice proposals, which had been undertaken by the National Indigenous Australians Agency. The Council provided feedback on the consultation process undertaken throughout Western Australia and next steps.

The Commonwealth Government Order of Australia – Honours and Awards

The Commonwealth Government provided a presentation to Council on the nomination process for an Order of Australia Award. The Council provided feedback and cultural advice on the nomination process.

Department of Premier and the Cabinet – Closing the Gap Implementation

The Council provided feedback on the State's implementation planning on Closing the Gap. The Council also received an update on the progress of the State and Commonwealth National Agreement on Closing the Gap. The Council continues to partner with DPC in the development of the State's initial Implementation Plan.

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Director General, Mr Duncan Ord provided a presentation to Council about a range of programs and services for Aboriginal people and their communities across Western Australia.

Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) sought advice from Council on the proposed Regional Development Portfolio Plan, with a view to aligning regional

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development around common goals and strategic initiatives. Aboriginal economic development has been identified as one of the five pillars of regional development.

The Council advised the draft [Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy](#) sets out a pathway for agencies to engage more closely with Aboriginal people and their communities.

The next meeting of the Council is Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 August 2021.

Mr Marty Sibosado
Co-Chairperson
Aboriginal Advisory Council of WA

* Confidential agenda items were not included in this Communique.

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