



ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS COORDINATING COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 2023 MEETING

The Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee (AACC) enables whole-of-government coordination on strategic government initiatives and policies that affect the cultural, health and economic outcomes for Aboriginal people in Western Australia.

The AACC met on 21 September 2023. This communique provides an update on matters considered at the meeting.

Aboriginal Advisory Council Western Australia

The Aboriginal Advisory Council Western Australia (the Council) led discussions on the need to focus on Priority Reforms, in conjunction with the Western Australian Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy, to support outcomes for Aboriginal people and communities, particularly in regional and remote areas.

Closing the Gap update and budget considerations

The AACC discussed the Closing the Gap activities noting several significant pieces of work delivered at a State and National level, The AACC considered key Closing the Gap activities at a State and National level, including WA's Implementation Plan 2023-25, the Productivity Commission's Annual Data Compilation Report and draft report on its review of the National Agreement, and an update on the Council of Aboriginal Services WA.

The AACC also noted budget considerations for Closing the Gap submissions.

Closing the Gap Targets

The AACC discussed the languages target (Target 16) presented by the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

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A/CHAIR

**Confidential deliberations are not included.*