



Commuниque - Meeting No. 38/2025

28 and 29 October

Meeting no. 38 of the Aboriginal Advisory Council of Western Australia (Council) included a range of engagements aligned to Council's Strategic Pillars: Systemic Reform, Truth-telling and Youth and Family Justice. Key items Council discussed and considered included:

Engagements*

Minister for Gascoyne

The Hon. Hannah Beazley met with Council to discuss her regional priorities, which included housing improvements, better access to water and current youth activity. Discussions were held regarding the need to better support our youngest Western Australians and the Minister's desire to amplify the region's presence.

Minister for Pilbara

Council met with the Hon. Amber-Jade Sanderson to discuss her regional priorities, which included housing, improving access to health care and ensuring good quality access to training is available. Minister Sanderson emphasised the importance of partnerships with Aboriginal communities and ongoing regional engagements to address critical issues.

Director General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet (DPC)

Council met with Director General Michael Carey to understand DPC's priorities in Aboriginal Affairs. Council provided an overview of its Strategic Pillars and shared reflections on the June 2025 Culture at the Heart Forum. Mr Carey demonstrated a desire to improving outcomes for Aboriginal people across the State.

Closing the Gap Implementation Plan (Yamagigu Consulting, the Council of Aboriginal Services Western Australia, Aboriginal Health Council of Western Australia and DPC)

An update was provided on the status of the Implementation Plan, in addition to an overview of its approach and priority reform agreed actions. Attendees reflected on the content presented and explored themes such as cultural safety, an accountability mechanism and strengthening the sector to create lasting change.

Bidyadanga Transformation Project (DPC)

DPC provided an overview of its Bidyadanga Transformation Project to date, advising Council of the process, lessons learned and key challenges. Council thanked DPC for its collaborative efforts.

Department of Housing and Works (DHW)

DHW provided an overview of its housing and social housing programs. Council highlighted the difficulties in Aboriginal people securing housing due to racism and provided feedback on initiatives presented. Discussions were held on programs in place to improve access to housing for Aboriginal people and future partnership opportunities.

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* Confidential agenda items are not included in this Commuниque