

FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE MULGA MALLEE
REGIONAL COUNCIL,

THE DEPARTMENT OF
INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

AND

THE CITY OF KALGOORLIE-BOULDER



Department of Indigenous Affairs
Government of Western Australia



PURPOSE

The Mulga Mallee Regional Council, the Department of Indigenous Affairs and the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder agree they have a joint responsibility to address the needs of Aboriginal* people in Kalgoorlie-Boulder and agree to work together to establish a framework to achieve sustainable social, cultural, economic and environmental development for Aboriginal people in our City.

BACKGROUND

The parties have been working closely to address the needs of Aboriginal people in the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. It is acknowledged that there are a number of social issues that continue to impact on Aboriginal people and the broader community and that the parties need to continue to work together to improve outcomes for all people in our City.

The State Government and ATSIC are committed to the “Statement of Commitment to a New and Just Relationship” between the Government of Western Australia and Aboriginal Western Australians (Attachment One). The Statement of Commitment provides a framework for this work to take place.

The State Government, working with ATSIC, has agreed on key issues for a collaborative approach to improve economic and social outcomes for Aboriginal people in Western Australia. Key issues are: local and regional approaches; improved Aboriginal governance; more effective government coordination; partnerships between Aboriginal communities, government and the business sector; and the development of agreed benchmarks and indicators on Aboriginal disadvantage.

Allied to this is the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder’s recognition of the traditional custodians of the land to encourage and facilitate social equity and economic development. The City has a Reconciliation Committee of Council to develop strategies to enhance relations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. These are reflected in the Committee’s Strategic and Operational Plans, which were endorsed by the City Council on 22 April 2002. The Mayor’s Leadership Group comprises key members of the business and mining community as well as elected members of Federal and State Parliaments and the Chairperson of the Mulga Mallee Regional Council of ATSIC. This group meets from time to time to consider issues of major strategic importance to the City.

The parties agree to pursue a whole-of-government/Aboriginal community partnership approach focusing on achieving lasting results at the local level consistent with the Council of Australian Governments’ (COAG) National Reconciliation Framework.

PRINCIPLES

The parties, in working together, commit to the following principles:

- Adherence to reconciliation and inclusiveness and the promotion of a tolerant community;
- Recognition that Aboriginal people are the traditional custodians of these lands;
- Commitment to effect lasting change;
- Respect for Aboriginal culture and ways of working;
- Willingness to work together in response to Aboriginal issues;
- Promotion of access and equity principles in relation to the delivery of programs and services;
- Recognition of the disadvantaged status of Aboriginal people;
- Recognition of the Mulga Mallee Regional Council as the principal body representing Aboriginal issues in this region; and
- Flexibility and openness to new approaches to funding, programs and service delivery.

OUTCOMES

The parties will work collaboratively to:

- Facilitate and coordinate information exchange;
- Develop joint planning processes for the provision of Local Government services to Aboriginal people;
- Consult and negotiate on issues affecting Aboriginal people in our City; and
- Achieve practical reconciliation and resolution of issues.

WAYS OF DOING BUSINESS

The parties will jointly:

- Develop, on a biennial basis, an action plan to identify and address priority issues;
- Monitor and review the implementation of the action plans;
- Coordinate an annual meeting of representatives of the Mulga Mallee Regional Council and the Kalgoorlie-Boulder City Council; and
- Coordinate quarterly meetings of staff representatives of each of the parties.

DURATION

This agreement will remain in place until any of the parties seek to have it reviewed.

Signed by Brian Champion Date 20/1/14.

Brian Champion
Chairperson
Mulga Mallee Regional Council

Signed by John Kobelke Date 20/1/04

Hon John Kobelke MLA
Minister for Indigenous Affairs

Signed by Ron Yuryevich Date 20/4/204

Ron Yuryevich
Mayor
City Of Kalgoorlie-Boulder

*The term Aboriginal has been used throughout this agreement to refer to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.