



OUR VISION

The economic, social and cultural advancement of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Western Australia

OUR CHALLENGE

The Western Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council has committed to provide a strong, independent voice to Government on issues that are fundamental to improving the lives and cultural, spiritual and emotional well being of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Western Australia. We want to create a culture of change and stimulate a 'can do' attitude in Government and its agencies.

OUR VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

In all our activities the WAAAC will uphold the following values and principles:

- Respect
- Being professional, well informed and accountable
- Communicating well and keeping people informed
- Working culturally to reach a collective view
- Rejoicing and celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Culture

OUR COUNCIL 2009 — 2010

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STATUTORY ROLE

The Western Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council (WAAAC) was established under *Section 18* of the *Aboriginal Affairs Planning Authority Act 1972*. Its statutory role is to advise the Minister of Indigenous Affairs on matters relating to the interests and well being of persons of Aboriginal descent.

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Western Australian Aboriginal Advisory Council

Strategic Plan
2010 - 2012

OUR MISSION

To effectively advise the Western Australian Government in order to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and ensure cultural recognition and respect





OUR KEY STRATEGIES

1. Strategic Engagement with Government

1. State/Commonwealth (including COAG) priorities, targets and associated resource settings for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.
2. Longer term community capacity building and investment to achieve sustainable change.
3. Ways of influencing government recognition of the value, contribution and potential of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
4. Strategy development aimed at reducing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples contact with the criminal justice system.

2. Legislative Reform

1. The extent to which legislative reform, impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, is up to date for today's social, cultural, political and economic environment.
2. Strengthening Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander participation in legislation reform.

3. Influencing Government Policy Agenda

1. Mechanisms that will help acknowledge and value Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and aspirations and the richness and benefit it brings.
2. The effectiveness of government policies and targets impacting on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
3. Strategies that will significantly increase Reconciliation Actions Plans across all government agencies.

4. Strengthening the Role of the Department of Indigenous Affairs

1. The Department's central role in strategic cross-government coordination, to meet the aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

5. Advocacy and Raising Awareness Through Activities, Programs and Services

1. Effective engagement and collaboration with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
2. 'Best Practice' principles and models for program and service delivery.

6. Inform Regional and Local approaches

1. Governance and reporting arrangements that are appropriate within the diverse cultural and heritage contexts of the State's regions.
2. Regional governance that has legitimacy with the people and supports a strategic orientation, collective voice, economic empowerment and a central point for negotiation with government and other stakeholders.
3. The development and implementation of programs and initiatives that impact on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.