



## Local Thriving Communities Joint Coordinating Committee Communiqué – No.2

### 5 May 2021 – Cairns

The Local Thriving Communities Joint Coordinating Committee met in Cairns on 5 May 2021.

#### LTC Implementation

Committee Co-Chair Kelly Barclay welcomed attendees and provided an acknowledgement of Country and Traditional Owners in Cairns, Brisbane and other parts of Queensland where members and guests were joining from.

The Committee noted Local Thriving Communities (LTC) community implementation updates, including progress of communities along the *Pathway to Local Decision Making* and the development and implementation of alcohol management Community Safety Plans. The Committee noted the Local Thriving Communities – Dashboard Update as an effective tool to demonstrate how communities are tracking on the *Pathway to Local Decision Making* and the possible leadership models emerging. The Committee discussed the importance of sharing outcomes of Joint Coordinating Committee (JCC) meetings with communities, Councils and State and Commonwealth agencies and agreed to enhance communication by sharing resources, including the Communiqué, with their networks.

Committee members reviewed and provided feedback on communication resources which have been developed to share information about LTC to communities and Councils. Community members and Local Government Association of Queensland Indigenous Leaders Forum (ILF) representatives reflected on the usefulness of these resources and provided feedback to ensure the messaging is clear and responds to community perspectives. Once finalised, these resources will be distributed during community engagements, direct meetings and via the Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships (DSDSATSIP) website.

The Committee noted recent engagements with communities and Councils to discuss LTC including Palm Island, Torres Shire Council, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council, Weipa Town Authority, the LGAQ Indigenous Leaders Forum held in Cairns on 27 April 2021 and one-on-one engagements with Mayors at the Queensland Police Service Remote Communities Summit held in Cairns on 29 April 2021. The Committee also discussed engagement on LTC with regional and urban areas in addition to remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The Committee noted that whole-of-government development of actions under the LTC Implementation Plan's key priority areas is continuing. Progress has been made towards investment mapping with DSDSATSIP meeting with the Queensland Productivity Commission (QPC) and Queensland Treasury to understand the methodology used to report on investment for the QPC Report into service delivery in remote and discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and consolidate other investment mapping efforts across government. The Committee noted that the LTC Inter-departmental Committee (IDC) is meeting on 19 May to progress actions and consider opportunities for cross-agency collaboration. The IDC will take an agile approach to ensure the focus of actions responds to needs as

they emerge. This includes workgroups with changing membership to ensure appropriate expertise across the Queensland Government is driving whole-of-government action to enable the reform.

The Committee noted the appointment of Ministerial and Government Champions and indicated a keen interest in working with DSDSATSIP and Champions to align the program with the LTC reform to enhance community-led local decision making.

Community members and ILF representatives raised the need for more government agencies to share information that gives communities better visibility about agency policy priorities, program initiatives and service delivery activities. Community and ILF representatives agreed to meet out-of-session to discuss this matter further. Government representatives supported the need for greater visibility of Government policy, programs and statutory activity in communities in a way that is helpful for communities and agreed to work with Community and ILF representatives to develop suitable information.

Officers of the Northern Territory (NT) Department of the Chief Minister presented to the Committee on the Northern Territory Local Decision Making (LDM) Policy. This provided the Committee with an opportunity to learn from the Northern Territory's experience and consider how lessons learnt could be applied in the Queensland context. The Committee discussed and noted key learnings, including: issues-based LDM agreements have been highly effective for some communities, particularly where they are not ready to engage fully with LDM; government decision makers need to meet with community in community to demonstrate government's commitment; and all parties need to accept that issues and conflicts will arise. The Committee noted that the NT example reiterates that co-design takes time and while this can be difficult for some stakeholders to accept, it's important to remember that transitioning to local decision-making requires government and community to learn a new way of working together.

Ms Kathy Parton, Deputy Director-General, DSDSATSIP provided an update on the Queensland Government's engagement with the Commonwealth on the proposed Indigenous Voice proposals outlined in the Indigenous Voice Co-Design Interim Report. The Queensland Government notes in its submission that local community governance and decision-making, such as Local Decision-Making Bodies being built through LTC, will need to inform the Voice proposals.

Ms Kelly Barclay noted this meeting was her last as Co-Chair and introduced Ms Susan Sewter as the Co-chair for the next three meetings. Dr Sarra thanked Ms Barclay on behalf of the Committee for her leadership and dedication to the role of Co-Chair and welcomed Ms Sewter to the role. The Committee noted planning has commenced for the next JCC meeting to be held in Woorabinda on 14 July 2021. The Committee also discussed possible locations for a further meeting in community this year with Palm Island and the Torres Strait being considered as possible locations.

## LTC Joint Coordinating Committee Meeting 5 May 2021 Attendance

<b>Attendees</b>	Dr Chris Sarra (Co-Chair)	Director-General, Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships
	Ms Kelly Barclay (Co-Chair)	Community representative
	Mr Michael Bond	Community representative
	Ms Joann Schmider	Community representative
	Ms Susan Sewter	Community representative
	Mr Drew Ellem	Head, Policy and Performance, Queensland Treasury
	Ms Kate Connors	Deputy Director-General, Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs
	Ms Natalie Wilde	Deputy Director-General, Department of State Development, Infrastructure, Local Government and Planning
	Mr Leon Proud	Assistant Director-General, State Schools – Indigenous Education, Department of Education (Proxy for Mr Peter Kelly)
	Ms Haylene Grogan	Executive Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, Cape and Torres HHS, Queensland Health
	Mr Kade Brindell	A/Director, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Housing, Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy (Proxy for Trish Woolley)
	Ms Angela Moy	A/Executive Director, Reform and Support Services, Queensland Courts (Proxy for Ms Jennifer Lang)
	Ms Tyler Crosbie	Inspector, Queensland Police Service (Proxy for Mr Paul Taylor)
	Mr Michael White	National Indigenous Australians Agency, Commonwealth Government (Proxy for Mr Robert Wilmet)
	Ms Kyla Hayden	Senior Director, Social Policy, Department of the Premier and Cabinet (Proxy for Mr Mark Cridland)
<b>Apologies</b>	Ms Michelle Deshong	Community representative
	Mr Robert Wilmet	National Indigenous Australians Agency, Commonwealth Government
	Mayor Kyle Yanner	Mayor, Mornington Shire Council
	Mr Paul Taylor	Deputy Commissioner, Queensland Police Service
	Mr Peter Kelly	Deputy Director-General, State Schools, Department of Education
	Mr Mark Cridland	Acting Director-General, Department of the Premier and Cabinet
	Ms Trish Woolley	Deputy Director-General, Department of Communities, Housing and Digital Economy

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	Ms Jennifer Lang	Deputy Director-General, Justice Services, Department of Justice and Attorney-General
<b>Guests</b>	Mayor Mislam Sam Mayor, Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council	
	Mayor Josh Weazel Mayor, Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council	
	Mayor Janita Motton, Mayor, Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council	
	Mayor Patricia Yusia, Mayor, Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council	
	Ms Zhanae Conway-Dodd, Youth representative nominee	
	Mr Robert (Bo) Carne, Director, Local Decision Making at Department of the Chief Minister, Northern Territory Government	
	Bridgette Bellenger, Regional Network Leader, Department of the Chief Minister, Northern Territory Government	
<b>Other attendees</b>	Kathy Parton, Tim Fell, Charlotte Young, Michelle Hoffman, Jaya Foley, Christy Anderson. Department of Seniors, Disability Services and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships	