

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT WEST DALY REGIONAL LOCAL DECISION MAKING

Made by the NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT (NTG) represented by the DEPARTMENT OF THE CHIEF MINISTER (DCM), WEST DALY REGIONAL COUNCIL, KARDU ALLIANCE, MUTCHIRR CORPORATION LTD, DEEWIN KIRIM ABORIGINAL CORPORATION, MULYUNG ABORIGINAL CORPORATION, and YANTJARRWU ABORIGINAL CORPORATION who collectively form the WEST DALY REGION LOCAL DECISION MAKING WORKING GROUP.

CONTEXT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

1. In his speech at the Barunga Festival in June 2018, the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, the Hon. Michael Gunner MLA said:
"The old way is finished. At the pace communities are comfortable, the (Northern territory) Government is ceding decision-making power back to where it belongs, the communities... this is our historic Local Decision Making agenda."
2. NTG Local Decision Making (LDM) policy is a 10-year plan to return local decision making to Aboriginal communities by empowering Aboriginal people to determine service approaches that work best for their community and region and take back control.
3. NTG places Aboriginal leadership at the centre of, and in control of, local decision making.
4. NTG recognises the signatories to this agreement as having the authority (or agency) to engage with and represent their communities, clans and homelands in developing Local Decision Making (LDM) Multi Agency Partnerships (MAPs) and Implementation Plans.
5. The implementation of LDM will align with the principles launched by Aboriginal Peak Organisations Northern Territory in October 2013, the NTG LDM Policy and PM&C Place Based Framework which can be summarised as self-determination, flexible place-based approaches, co-design and community control.
6. LDM MAPs will be developed to recognise both regional and the local priorities of each of the entities who are signatories to this Statement of Commitment.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Statement of Commitment is to document the commitment of the parties to work together to guide the development of LDM MAPs that identify the regional and local social and economic service priorities (including but not limited to local jobs and economic development) which the Region want to have more control over and involvement in.

COMMITMENT

The parties to this Statement of Commitment agree to work collaboratively to;

1. Establish an agreed approach recognising traditional Aboriginal decision making structures and how this long-held system of governance can support the implementation of LDM at the regional and community levels;
2. Set out the process and broad timeframes to establish the West Daly Region LDM MAP Agreements and associated Implementation Plans.
3. Work together at a pace that is comfortable to the Working Group and for the West Daly communities.
4. Ensure local Aboriginal people provide direct input into the development of the LDM MAP Agreements and implementation and ongoing engagement.

5. Ensure NTG supports local capacity building and preparedness by providing details on economic and social enterprise opportunities in the region at the earliest possible opportunity.

MAINTAINING THE PARTNERSHIP

1. All parties will collaborate and negotiate respectfully, openly, honestly and in good faith in the spirit of building trust and a strong and lasting partnerships.
2. Upon signing this Statement of Commitment, the parties agree to establish the West LDM Working Group as a forum that brings together Regional Leaders and Elders, representatives from Government, Non-Government and Service Providers with regional service delivery responsibilities to meet at least quarterly to progress the implementation of LDM and other place-based approaches in the West Daly Region.

LDM MAP DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The first phase of developing the LDM MAP is to consult across the group of partners to review the current activities and engagement approach, consider what is working well and where there are challenges, and to explore future opportunities for greater collaboration.

The next phase of the LDM MAP will be to have all partners working together to review and consider current and future opportunities and to progress the development of an implementation plan to describe key priorities, supported actions and timeframes whilst also confirming resourcing options.

The plan will define roles and responsibilities and propose how activities are implemented in a coordinated manner, including a suggested process for review and monitoring of any progress, barriers to implementation and community outcomes.

LDM MAP CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY

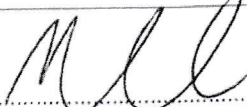
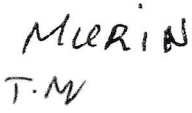

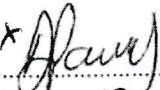
The consultation to support Phase 1 of the Multi Agency Partnership including the following:

1. Initial contact with parties to provide background and context on the project and to establish initial workshop planning arrangements and to identify any specific priorities and/or issues that will need to be addressed throughout the planning and agreement making process;
2. A consultation workshop conducted with each of the partners to review and discuss current individual priorities and activities to be considered for inclusion within the LDM MAP Implementation Plan;
3. A consultation workshop conducted with key NT Government departments with regards to current and future engagement and socio-economic opportunities;
4. A joint NT Government and Australian Government workshop conducted to review and discuss agreed approach to ensure effective coordination and alignment of Government led services and potential MAP Implementation Plan actions; and
5. Preparation of a draft LDM MAP Consultation Report & Recommendations, including any additional information on areas that may require further discussions between the partners.

LDM MAP DEVELOPMENT RESOURCING

- (a) NTG may engage consultants with demonstrated experience in the facilitation of Government (Local, State & Federal), Community and Industry partnership agreements, including local decision-making arrangements, relationship management and negotiation processes in NT including the facilitation of recent LDM discussions to facilitate LDM MAPs.

SIGNING

1	Signed by the Hon. Michael Gunner, Chief Minister, for the NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT	 Hon. Michael Gunner Chief Minister Date: 13 / 11 / 2018
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