



Interim Barkly Governance Table Meeting

Thursday 9 May 2019 Communique

Summary

The second meeting of the interim Barkly Governance Table was held on 9 May 2019 at Northern Territory Government Centre. The purpose of the meeting was to start implementation planning for the Barkly Regional Deal that was released on 13 April 2019.

Members agreed the focus of the interim Barkly Governance Table was on action not talking; implementation of the Deal needed to progress swiftly; the wider Barkly community would be actively engaged in implementation through working groups and seeking ideas from sector groups represented at the interim Barkly Governance Table; bush communities outside Tennant Creek remain a key priority for the Deal; members would work together for the benefit of the community and treat each other with respect and trust; and the voices of Native Title holders and Aboriginal people remain central to the Barkly Governance Table.

The interim Barkly Governance Table received a presentation from the Australian Government Department of Social Services (DSS) about funding and capacity building available from *Stronger Places, Stronger People* initiative for the establishment of a backbone team to support the interim Barkly Governance Table.

Key decisions included reaching agreement on how the interim Barkly Governance Table would reach decisions; the formation of five working groups to progress initiatives in the Deal with membership drawn from key stakeholders and interested community members from across the Barkly region; agreement to work with and receive funding and capacity support from DSS to establish a backbone team; development of a forward timeline to progress delivery; and circulation of information about key decisions from meetings across the Barkly region as standard practice.

Agreed Decisions

Processes, Communications and Decision-Making	
1.	Preparation of agenda/briefing papers to inform members before making significant decisions at the Barkly Governance Table. These agenda/briefing papers will allow members to seek feedback from their respective sector groups before meetings.
2.	Distribute information about the outcomes of Barkly Governance Table meetings to various groups and organisations across the Barkly community.
Backbone Team	
3.	Partner with DSS to implement the <i>Stronger Places, Stronger People</i> initiative and receive funding for a backbone team and capacity building for the Barkly Governance Table.
4.	Endorse the functions of the backbone team and advertise an Executive Officer position to lead the team and recruit other team members.
Working Groups	
5.	Formation of five working groups to report directly to interim Barkly Governance Table to provide advice about design and implementation for the following initiatives in the Deal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Workforce Strategy—two initiatives (Regional Workforce Strategy, Maximising Aboriginal employment) Youth Infrastructure and Services—three initiatives (Justice infrastructure investments, crisis youth support—safe places and accommodation and trauma informed care) Economic Growth and Support—three initiatives (Barkly Business Hub, Economic growth strategy, Barkly Mining and Energy Services Hub) Construction and Service of Alternative to Detention Facilities; and Tennant Creek Visitor Park.
6.	Extend working group membership to all interested community members in the Barkly region, relevant content experts and key stakeholders.



7.	Select two co-chairs for each working group from the Barkly Governance Table.
8.	Develop an Expression of Interest process for interested community members to join the five working groups, including placing an advertisement in the Tennant Times newspaper.
Delivery Barkly Regional Deal Initiatives	
9.	Prioritise the finalisation of community plans.
10.	Organise a meeting with members from the Barkly Governance Table and DSS in early June 2019 to reach agreement on support and funding under the <i>Stronger Places, Stronger People</i> initiative.
11.	Prioritise the establishment of the backbone team and the development of working groups, including inviting community members to join from across the Barkly region.
12.	Ongoing discussions about potential regional governance models, including inviting relevant external parties to meet with the Interim Barkly Governance Table.
Future Meetings	
13.	Hold bi-monthly (every two months) full day meetings on the second or third week of the month (on a Thursday)—working group meetings to be organized around these meetings.
14.	<p>July 2019 meeting agenda to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working groups: update on progress and terms of reference Outcome of federal election Progress reporting on 28 initiatives in the Deal Regional data and preparation for establishing Monitoring and Evaluation Framework of the Deal Backbone team update: recruitment of positions Feedback from sectors to Barkly Governance Table members. Update on Australian Government-Northern Territory Government funding negotiations Update on the Barkly local community projects fund and community plans Update on the Government investment services system reform initiative Revisit bike rack issues from February 2019 meeting Barkly Governance Table Handbook