

Barkly Regional Deal

Meeting Minutes

Youth Justice Steering Committee.

Friday 4th September 2020

At Barkly Backbone Office and via Online Platform Zoom

Facilitator: Tim Candler

Secretariat: Margot Eliason

Attendees: Alyne Fry-Croydon, Stewart Willey, Brent Warren, Michelle Bates, Kevin Banbury, Jeff McLaughlin, Erin Elkin

Apologies: Norman Frank, Heather Wilson, Patrisha Frank, Debra Bennett, Kym Brahim, Dean Gooda, John Fitz

Acknowledgement of country

The steering group expressed concern that the group had not gotten off the ground.

The group then turned to discussing the joint Anyinginyi and Julalikari submission.

Kevin Banbury noted that the submission is unique in that two major organisations have come together to write it. "The question to be discussed is whether the requests in the submission (in effect to ensure a "homelike facility" is achieved) can be addressed within the existing budget."

Brent Warren provided the NTG's feedback in relation to the document.

According to Brent Warren, the report contains no surprises. It reflects everything that has been said by members of the public. At a high level there is no conflict with what has been asked for. While there is not enough money to do a comprehensive design, They can rearrange the floor plan. They can take the information on board but also need to be realistic about how much we can change within the existing budget. The space can be rearranged but without significant changes for instance to size or type of bedrooms. In relation to the idea of a "board of governance", Territory Families has no issue with having community oversight on what the centre does and how it is operated, and getting Indigenous voices in. As Territory Families is the funding body, it would need a direct relationship with the organisations delivering the service (as a legal aspect).

Brent Warren added that the feedback is significant. He will go back to DIPL and provide them with the extra feedback, flagging to DIPL that the feedback had come through late, after the opportunity to give feedback had closed.

Brent Warren noted that there had already been a number of opportunities to give feedback but that not much had been submitted in writing, except for this report. This new opportunity for feedback might be necessary but it will slow the project down. Brent Warren will need to explain to the chief executive why this process is necessary.



Kevin Banbury emphasized that the feedback in the joint submission is “incredibly strong.” Reconfiguring the design may not add major costs and it would be important to ensure that everything addressed in the submission was contained in the scope document. A question was asked could the group receive multiple options on a new design (a lot could be done in terms of roof structures, curves etc.)?

Brent Warren agrees that wording in the scope document could be changed to align with the report. The only thing that needs clarification is what the governance structure is, and clarity that they will need to work with a partner.

The group expressed concern about delays in delivering the project.

Tim Candler expressed concern about perceptions of lack of progress. “We need to be seen to be delivering on the projects.”

The group agreed that part of the delay in the process is the ILUA.

Brent Warren flagged that delays in finalising the plans would impact on delays in obtaining an ILUA. “The more we go back to the drawing board, the longer the plan will be delayed. The longer there is no plan, the longer it will take to get an ILUA.” The plan will be considered when negotiating the ILUA.

The group discussed whether the design would be a sticking point with the CLC. Brent Warren noted that the CLC are advocating to have a high level of input into the design, and that the best way to move forward would be through the Governance Table structure of the Barkly Regional Deal.

The group concluded that it was key to engage the community as much as possible to make sure the facility has community support.

The group discussed that the design needed to go back to the full Working Group to obtain a final recommendation and that more input was needed from Indigenous representatives. The Working Group will then be able to come up with a decision on whether what has been done so far can be sent for discussions on the ILUA process.

Michelle Bates noted that she had not received the joint submission and expressed disappointment at the low levels of traction on the project, questioning whether this was to do with the structure of the Barkly Regional Deal. She expressed concern about a lack of trust between the Interim Governance Table and the Working Group.

Tim Candler noted that this Working Group is the first for the Barkly Regional Deal and as a result, there have been a number of learnings along the way. The fact that feedback has been received from Aboriginal organisations shows that the process is going well. As Working Groups become more streamlined, Aboriginal organisations can start to feel more supported by the process.

Kevin Banbury noted that he would like to see more key players involved in the process but that there had already been some quality input in the process.

The group agreed that the Steering Committee will now go back to a Working Group. At the next meeting, the members would like to hear from Anyinginyi and Julalikari.

The next Working Group meeting will take place on Friday 9th in the afternoon.

Next Steps:

	Action Item	Responsibility	Timeframe/Update
1.	Brent Warren to go back to DIPL with the feedback from the submission	Brent Warren	By next meeting
2.	Brent Warren to organise for the designer/architect to talk to the Working Group on new design options.	Brent Warren	By next meeting
3.	Barkly Backbone Team to send invitations for the next meeting on Friday 9 th in the afternoon (including to Patta, Anyinginyi and Julalikari), to discuss potential new design plans.	Barkly Backbone Team	By next meeting
4.	Draft NT document and joint submission to be combined to align the language.	Kevin Banbury	By next meeting
5.	Kevin Banbury to talk to Anyinginyi and Julalikari about the submissions	Kevin Banbury	By next meeting
6.	Barkly Backbone Team to seek involvement of representatives from remote locations over the next three months	Barkly Backbone Team	Ongoing