



Barkly Regional Deal

Barkly Aboriginal Alliance – Terms of Reference

Background

The Barkly Aboriginal Alliance (the Alliance) is an emerging, stand-alone regional Aboriginal representative body including leaders from across the Barkly to collectively make decisions and determine priorities for the region.

The National Indigenous Australians Agency (NIAA) is funding the Alliance through the Barkly Regional Deal Backbone Team until June 2025, for a total of \$904,000. The need for an Aboriginal Alliance has evolved from the Barkly Regional Deal and the requirement that the Barkly Regional Deal Governance Table, include Aboriginal representatives from across the Barkly region.

The Backbone team formally began consultation about the Alliance in early 2021 using a model proposed by anthropologist Susan Donaldson and endorsed by the Barkly Regional Deal Governance Table (the Table) in February 2021. The Backbone consulted with leaders from 19 communities and homelands from February to August 2021.

The Alliance held its first official meeting, supported by the Backbone, on September 23 6, 2021. Ten members attended this meeting. Consultation and engagement about the Alliance are ongoing as the body is still in development.

Alliance members have adapted the original Alliance model so that it is now based on communities and sub-regions, rather than language groups.

Subregional meetings are held across the Barkly, as well as full Alliance meetings in Tennant Creek.

Since October 2021, the Alliance has four seats at the Barkly Regional Deal Governance Table, enabling a regional voice to be included in Table discussions and decisions.

Current members have drafted the following vision, purpose, principles, roles and responsibilities.

Our vision:

That homelands and communities in the Barkly are self-determining and their people are thriving.

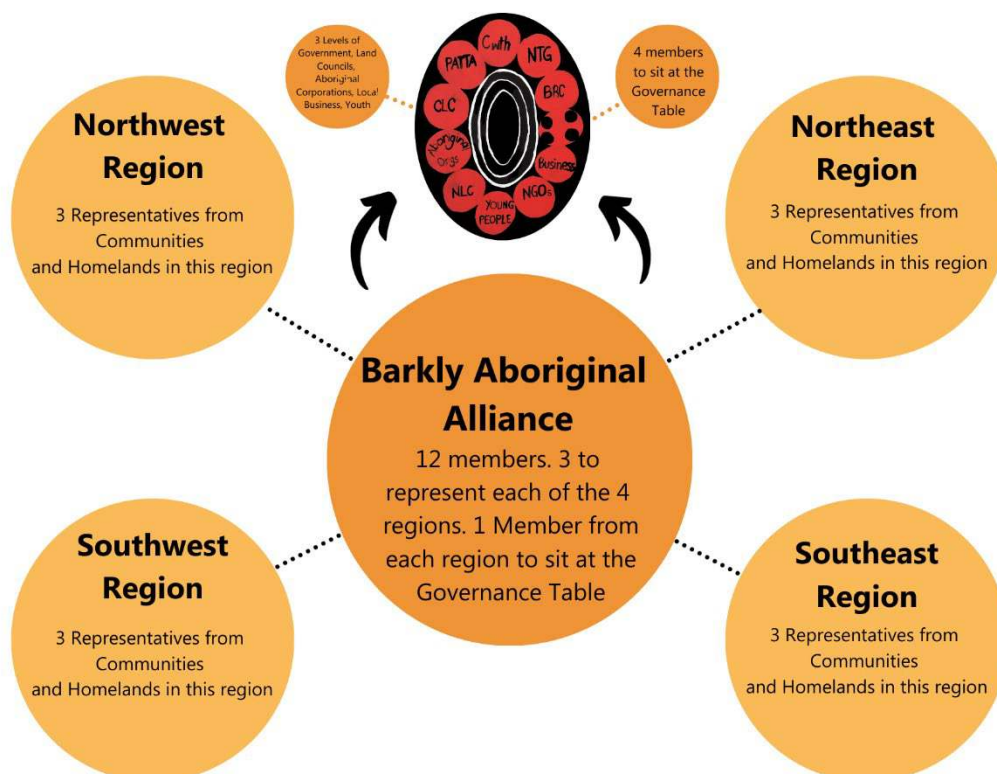
Principles

- **We empower** communities and put homelands at the centre of decision making and we empower and support each other
- We are always respectfully looking, listening and **learning (two-way)**
- We are **consistent**, we do what we say, we don't just talk. We walk the talk.
- We are **accountable** to each other and our commitment to fulfilling the vision and purpose of the Alliance.

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Members:

We are Aboriginal leaders from communities and homelands across the Barkly. We are people with understanding of our homelands and knowledge of our country. We hold the stories and dreamings from our country. We are different tribes and leaders coming together. The draft model below outlines the potential membership structure of the Aboriginal Alliance. The number of members will be reviewed (including sub-regional members) and will remain open while the Alliance is in its early stages and still growing.



*See Appendix 1 for list of Communities / Homelands

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APPENDIX 1 – BARKLY REGION

(SOURCED FROM NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT'S BUSHTEL SITE)

<https://bushtel.nt.gov.au>

MAJOR COMMUNITIES:

ALI CURUNG
ALPURRURULAM
AMPILATWATJA
CANTEEN CREEK
NTURIYA
PMARAJUTUNTA
ROBINSON RIVER
WUTUNUGURRA (EPENARRA)

MINOR COMMUNITIES:

ARAWERR (SOAPYBORE)
IMANGARA
IRRULTJA
LIKKAPARTA
MARLINJA
MUNGKARTA
TARA
WANDANGULA
WILORA

VILLAGES:

BORROLOOLA
DALYWATERS
ELLIOTT
LARRIMAH
NEWCASTLE WATERS
TI TREE

FAMILY OUTSTATIONS (123):

10 MILE - 20 MILE – ADELAIDE BORE - ALYUEN – AMENGERNTERNEAH – ANGULA – ANKERRAPW – ANKWELEYELENKWE – ANNERRE – ANNINGIE – ARLPARRA – ARRAWAJIN – ARTEKERR – ATHELEY – ATNARARA – ATNELTYEY – ATN WENGERRPE – BABUNGI – BAJAMINYI – BAUHINIA DOWNS – BLACK ROCK LANDING – BLUE BUSH – BUDJANGA – BUJAN – BURRUMBURRU – BURUDU – BUSHCAMP – CAMEL CAMP – CONNELLS LAGOON – CORELLA CREEK – COW LAGOON – CRABHOLE – DOOLGARINA – DOUBLE D – GARRINJINNY – GOOLMINYINI – GULUNGURU – GUMULUJI – HATCHES CREEK – HINGSTONS PLACE – HONEYMOON BORE – IJARRA – ILIPARRATYE – ILLEUWURRU – ILUWURRU – IMPERRENTH – INDARINGINYA – INKAWENYERRE – INKWELAYE – IRRMARNE – IYLENTYE – JANGIRULU – JARRA JARRA – JEMELKE – JILUNDARINA – JIMILAYA – JINGALOO – JUNKAJI – KALINJARRI – KALUMPURLPA – KANGAROO ISLAND – KIANA – KUMUNU – KUNAYUNGKU – KURINELLI – KURN TAPURRA – KURRAYA – LIJA MUKUMPARLA – LILY HOLE – MANANGOORA – MARINIRI – MILIBUNTHURRA – MIMINA – MOOLOOWA – MUCKATY – MULGA BORE – MUNGALAWURRU – MUNYALINI – MURRANJI – MURTULKI – MURUN MURULA – NAMERINNI – NAPAGUNPA – NGAPPAMILARNU – NGKWARLERLANEM – NGURRARA – NGURRUTUJI – NGUYARRAMINI – NORTH ISLAND – NUDJABARRA – NURADIDGEE – PAKULKI – PETYALE – PINE HILL – PINGALA – PUNGALINDUM – PUNJARRIJI – PURRUKUWURRU – SANDRIDGE – SNAKE LAGOON – SOUTH WEST ISLAND – TJOUNGOURI – TOMMYHAWK SWAMP – UGUIE – WADA WADALLA – WADA WARRA – WAKURLPU – WALLACES LAGOON – WANGALINJI – WARBY – WELERE – WEST ISLAND – WIITIN – WOGYALA – WOLLAGALONNG OUTSTATION – WOLLOGORANG – WULABURRI – WUNARA – WUNDIGALLA – WURLBU – YANGULINYINA – YULBARA

(LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS)

ALI CURUNG - ALPURRURULAM - AMPILATWATJA – ARLPARRA - ELLIOTT - WUTUNUGURRA

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Purpose:

We are an independent Aboriginal governance body that provides leadership and a voice for communities and homelands across the Barkly Region. We advocate and take action to support our needs and the changes we want to see.

We are here to support our communities and homelands to achieve these goals or priorities:

- To be self-determining: in control of their communities
- To have strong young leaders
- To keep jobs and businesses in our hands
- To protect and preserve country, culture and communities
- To achieve strong social and emotional wellbeing in our communities

Role and responsibilities of members:

1. Participate in Aboriginal Alliance and Governance Table meetings
2. Communicate information back to our communities and homelands
3. Advocate and take action on the needs/priorities of Barkly communities and homelands and changes to practice, policy and legislation
4. Help grow the Aboriginal Alliance in communities and homelands across the Barkly:
5. Contribute to the design and delivery of Barkly Regional Deal initiatives and working groups relevant to Barkly communities and homelands e.g community planning consultations, grant applications and assessment, grant management
6. Truth telling about the Barkly context and past
7. Share knowledge and support each other
8. Support healing of our people

Meetings

Meetings will be held monthly, with four meetings held in communities outside Tennant Creek each year.

Secretariat support

The Backbone Alliance Coordinator will provide secretariat support.

The Chair position will be held for period of two years, after which members will vote for a new Chair.