



Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Body

Design Group- Meeting Communique- 11 December 2023

- On behalf of the Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Body Design Group, Damien Parriman hosted community consultation workshops across the Kimberley region between September and November 2023.
- The *Report to the Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Body Design Group: Community Consultation on the Establishment of a Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Body* has been finalised by KRED and presented to the Design Group. The report made the following key points relevant to designing the KARB:
 - There is strong support for establishing a Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Body;
 - The proposed role and function of the KARB is broadly supported;
 - The proposed KARB design principles are broadly supported, but must be expanded to include Voice design principles;
 - The structure of the KARB must be designed to:
 - Incorporate a cultural framework and place-based and sector interests
 - Have a workable number of representatives
 - Generate holistic solutions (minimise silos)
 - Further consultation is needed on the proposed KARB design, especially in the West Kimberley where consultation workshops were not well attended
- The KARB Design Group has recently met again to consider the report and made decisions to:
 - Start stage 2 design work to draft a constitution and establish a new entity to be the Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Body
 - Amend the KARB design principles to reflect views expressed by Kimberley Aboriginal people during consultation
- The KARB Design Group has also resolved to conduct a second round of consultation meetings with Kimberley Aboriginal people in 2024, once a proposed KARB structure and draft constitution have been prepared. The proposed structure and constitution will take on board views raised in the consultation meetings.
- The KARB Design Group thanks all of those who attended consultation workshops in 2023 and looks forward to further developments in 2024.

For further information, please get in touch with your closest organisation.

Working together as part of the KARB Design Group are:

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Kimberley Aboriginal Medical Services	(Vicki O'Donnell 9194 3200)
Kimberley Aboriginal Law and Culture Centre	(Gordon Marshall 0437 150 858)
Kimberley Language Resource Centre	(Patsy Bedford 0499 011 840)
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