

**EAST KIMBERLEY
REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS PLAN
2011 - 2012**



Introduction

In August 2011 a meeting of regional stakeholders was held in Kununurra for the purpose of forming a Steering Group to guide the process of developing an East Kimberley Regional Homelessness Plan 2011/2012. Specifically assistance was sought on how the whole region could have input into identifying local issues and developing key priority actions at a regional level. Membership for this group was identified and agreed.

This approach was based on regional knowledge of the importance of ensuring that relevant stakeholders and community members are able to participate fully in processes, in terms of identification of issues, development of strategies and implementation of action plans. The East Kimberley Region has 3 regional towns and a large number of remote communities. Due to geographical distances, key stakeholders across the region are not able to travel to participate in workshops at the same time. The initial workshop held in November 2010 had minimal representation from stakeholders outside of Kununurra and this is being addressed through the subsequent consultations.

In September 2011, a Steering Group meeting was held in Kununurra and the outcomes of further consultation conducted across the region were tabled and reviewed. This consultation process involved the dissemination of an issues and solutions form for completion and a two day visit to Halls Creek, where discussions with various NGO and Government services providers and individuals were held. Further consultation will be required. Please see attached the summary of the latter consultations, held in September 2011.

Key Priority Actions were developed based on results of the initial forum, subsequent consultations and input by the Steering Group.

The Kimberley Legal Services Inc (KCLS) has been managing the \$5,000 grant to assist with the development of the key priority actions.

Three key actions were agreed as follows.

1 Develop Homelessness Plan by town/community

2 Project Officer to support the development and implementation of the Plan

3 To further develop methodologies to ensure consumer/user groups participation into delivery and design of integrated models

Please refer to the following action plan and the Steering Group terms of reference.

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PRIORITY ACTIONS	TASKS	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE
<p>1. Develop Homelessness Plan by town/communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Halls Creek & communities (Shire of Halls Creek) – fit to Local Implementation Plan (FaHCSIA) to reduce duplication/meetings etc • Kununurra & communities (identify communities) • Wyndham & communities (identify communities) 	<p>1 Formalise Steering Group to take responsibility for providing guidance and support to the development of a regional plan Terms of Reference/responsibility agreed. Issues and strategies to be tabled at the Local Coordination Group Action Planning</p> <p>2 Draft 3 priority actions based on consultations and feedback to present to Steering Group. Include the development of plans by location as a priority action.</p> <p>3 Discuss processes for developing Individual Plans</p>	<p>1 DCP & KCLS</p> <p>2 DCP & KCLS to develop 3 priority actions – providing a list of possible actions for review & consideration</p> <p>3 Steering Group</p>	<p>1 19/9/11 Draft Terms of Reference and membership were presented to the Steering Group meeting. Those members listed who were present at the meeting, signed – overall consensus for identified priorities.</p> <p>2. Completed - Halls Creek Consultation undertaken in September by CEO KCLS and Contract Manager DCP.</p> <p>3 19/9/11 Steering group agreed on the 3 draft Priority</p> <p>4 24/11/11 Discussion at next Steering Group meeting</p>
<p>2. Project Officer to support the development and implementation of the Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design role and responsibility • Obtain funding (options?) • Selection process • Prioritise project work (steering group) • What agency would contract PO? • Supervision of PO position? 	<p>1 Form a sub-committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tracey Gillett, DCP • Karla Foster, DIA • Maureen O’Meara, DoH • Liz O’Brien, KCLS <p>2 Consider funding options & advise Steering Group</p>	<p>1 Steering Group</p> <p>2 DCP Director and ICC Regional Manager</p>	<p>1 Members were decided at meeting of Steering Group 19/9/11</p> <p>1st meeting of sub committee: members to determine meeting date & time by email</p> <p>Sub committee to provide update to Steering Group at the next meeting of the Steering Group (24/11/11)</p>

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3. To further develop methodologies to ensure consumer /user groups participation into delivery & design of integrated models.	Discussion on how this will be achieved	Steering Group	24/11/11