

**PILBARA  
REGIONAL HOMELESSNESS PLAN  
KARRATHA  
2011 – 2012**



## **INTRODUCTION**

The Pilbara Karratha Regional Homelessness Workshop was held at Lotteries' House on 11 July 2011. The purpose was to discuss the broad themes and changes that have occurred with funding to address homelessness under the National Partnership Agreement on Homelessness (NPAH) and the National Affordable Housing Agreement (NAHA).

The workshop brought together approximately 25 representatives from a range of government agencies and non-government service providers in the Karratha area. The direction of the workshop was to review issues that contribute to homelessness from local and regional perspectives. The aim was to identify three priority actions to move forward on local homelessness issues. The identified actions will be commenced or completed in the next 12 months.

### Stage I

Participants discussed local responses to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless in the context of their:-

- HEALTH AND WELL BEING
- CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY, FAMILY AND FRIENDS
- EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING
- HOUSING OPTIONS

The issues and ideas raised in Stage I provided the basis for prioritising actions in subsequent stages.

Stage II – Workshop participants voted to indicate three key priority actions from the issues raised in Stage I.

Stage III – In a second process workshop participants then voted to indicate two key priority actions that could be carried out in the next 12 months.

From stages II and III it was possible to determine the consensus on which top three actions would be worked on over the next 12 months.

Workshop participants discussed and reached agreement on three priority actions for the Karratha Regional Homelessness Plan:

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1. Conduct a community 'Connect Event' – A community BBQ event recognising the diversity of homelessness and the importance of connection with community family and friends. The event would engage the community and raise awareness and provide an opportunity for services to come and engage with homeless people and those at risk.
2. Integrated Interagency Case Management model for Homelessness or risk of homelessness. Discuss this issue with the Human Service Managers Group and with the non-government sector with a view to developing an interagency approach based on the Strong Families model to assist individuals and families who are either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless
3. Release more land at a reasonable cost to non-land owners (stringently managed). Work with other relevant agencies to gather information regarding the feasibility and means to release land for housing at a reasonable cost to local people who do not own land at a cost that they can bear that they can build their dwelling on. This would require stringent management to avoid unintended access.

The Pilbara Association of Non-Government Organisations (PANGO) was identified as the appropriate peak body representing the non-government sector to work with representatives from government agencies on the above priority actions and to engage with the Human Service Managers' Group for biannual discussions on the progress of the Regional Homelessness Plan.

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<b>PRIORITY ACTIONS</b>	<b>TASKS</b> The tasks involved in achieving the Priority Action	<b>DURATION</b> (How long will it take) Working hours or days this will take to do/complete – be realistic	<b>START AND FINISH</b> When will the work be done	<b>AGENCY and RESOURCE-Human or financial</b> Which agency/ies /staff will be involved in doing which work
<b>1. Community BBQ Event (diversity in homelessness) in connection with family and friends document.</b>	Organise Community Event	6 months planning and implementation	August 2011-August 2012	DCP PCLS Other NGO's Dept. Housing TAFE PINDAN JOBLINK CM Health
<b>2. Integrated Interagency Case Management model for Homelessness or risk of homelessness.</b>	Talk to Human Service Managers Group Be proactive not reactive	1 year	July 2011 – August 2012	DCP talk to HS Managers
<b>3. Release more land at a reasonable cost to non-land owners (stringently managed)</b>	Write letter to minister Would your department be prepared to work with other agencies to release more land at a reasonable cost in the Pilbara. Request or Enforce strict provisions around large companies obtaining land, ask for repercussions for people buying multiple lots under different names,	1 year	August 2011 – August 2012	PANGO Other NGO's