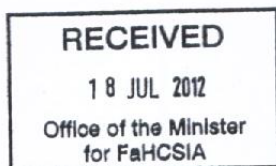


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Due Date	17 July 2012	
Critical Date	N/A	
Consultation	Media	Yes / No
	Group Manager	Yes / No
	Deputy Secretary	Yes / No
	State Manager	Yes / No

To the Minister for Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
For decision

Subject: APY Lands Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA) update and Community Council Support Proposal

Critical Date: N/A

Purpose: To provide you with advice on the outcomes of the recent RPA consultations^{s22 - irrelevant information}
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Issue: Community consultations were held in May and were well attended and positively received.
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RPA Community Consultations

Arising from the APY Functional Review, the APY Executive proposed the development of an APY RPA. The Australian and South Australian Governments have been working together with the APY Executive to progress a proposed RPA for the APY Lands. - see **Additional Information** for timeline of activities and **Attachment A** for the *Draft RPA*.

Community consultations on the proposed RPA for the APY Lands commenced on 8 May with six sessions held in the communities of Mimili, Fregon, Indulkana, Pipalyatjara, Amata and Pukatja. While the sessions were reasonably well attended and many present were generally supportive of the concept of an RPA, a consistent message heard was that councils were feeling disempowered, under resourced and in some communities not functioning. The majority of Anangu felt that a strong council was essential for their community and many asked Government to restore power and funding to their councils. People were concerned about their homelands and many people wanted to know whether homelands will be considered as part of the RPA and how the Government intends to address homelands into the future. The strongest message from the consultations was that people were concerned for their children and their communities, particularly the limited opportunity for sustainable jobs for Anangu.

A few senior Anangu men travelled to attend all community meetings and were vocal at the sessions about their opposition to the current proposed RPA, calling instead for an RPA which would restore funding to community councils. Both governments made a commitment to provide information back to communities following the consultations. The Department has prepared a joint fact sheet with the South

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Australian Government (**Attachment B**) for communities, advising Anangu of the key themes from the consultations and advising the next steps to progress a potential RPA.

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Recommendation:

1. Note the advice provided about the outcomes of the recent consultations Noted / Please Discuss on the APY Lands re further developing the RPA; and
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Local Member Advised	State Member Advised
Yes / No	Yes / No
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Rating	Quality	Timeliness
Unsatisfactory		
Satisfactory		
Good		

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Additional Information

APY Lands Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA)

The RPA is intended to identify and formalise the way in which communities and their representatives, service providers and governments will work together for the delivery of services across the APY Lands, including governance arrangements. It would aim to encourage greater Anangu participation in policy making and service delivery decisions by providing a forum for genuine engagement. It would also aim to define the commitments and obligations of its partners and provide for greater coordination and collaboration to improve outcomes for Anangu, especially children.

Timeline of Activities:

- Mid 2011 APY Exec indicated to Government that a Regional Partnership Agreement (RPA) may assist governance and service delivery on the APY Lands.
- September 2011 - Minister Macklin and South Australian Minister Grace Portolesi made a joint statement outlining immediate actions to address reports that children were going hungry on the APY Lands.
- 18 November 2011 – Joint Steering Committee meeting broadly supported the need for a RPA.
- 19 December 2011 – Letter from Minister Macklin to Premier Wetherill emphasising the Government's commitment to the negotiation of a RPA.
- December 2011 – Commonwealth wrote to the potential partners encouraging their engagement in negotiating a draft RPA and an early draft RPA was circulated to potential partners.
- 17 January 2012 – Governments met with APY Executive seeking input into first draft of RPA.
- 23 February 2012 – meeting with potential partners, including government, APY Executive, Community Councils and service providers in Alice Springs to discuss the first draft and the form that community consultations might take.
- Feb 2012 onwards - Regular teleconferences with the potential RPA partners to discuss the RPA and the best way to consult with Anangu.
- March-April 2012 – feedback on first draft received. Work on the second draft to provide a flexible framework for discussions during community consultations.
- 20 March 2012 – community consultations deferred until May at the request of APY who noted that cultural business was taking place on the Lands.
- 17-20 April 2012 - Meetings in APY Lands between government and NPY Women's Council and a meeting of the APY Financial Management Sub-Committee.
- 3-4 May 2012 – Minister Macklin visited the APY Lands and announced that the RPA consultations in communities will take place between 7 May and 17 May and that discussions will extend to include initial discussions around income management.
- 7 May 2012 - consultations in scheduled in Mimili, Indulkana and Fregon.
- 15 May 2012 – consultations in Amata, Pipalyatjara and Pukatja.

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