



Australian Government

**Indigenous Coordination Centre
Bourke Office**

Variation to Program Funding Agreement

Brewarrina Business Cooperative Ltd
PO Box 232
BREWARRINA NSW 2839

Dear Sir/Madam

On 10/09/2008 you entered into a Program Funding Agreement (the PFA) No. 7939.

We have now agreed to vary the PFA as shown in the attachment to this letter.

In all other respects the obligations of the Parties under the PFA remain unchanged.

Activity Name	Variation	Amount of Funding*
<u>Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs</u>		
Murdi Paaki Regional Partnership Agreement	Modified	\$320,100.00

* Inclusive of GST(if applicable)

This offer of funding does not imply any commitment to further funding.

If you accept the above variation(s) you must still comply with all conditions set out in your original Program Funding Agreement dated 28/08/2008, and any variations to the conditions, including these variations.

You can accept this variation by completing and signing the attached original *Acceptance of Variation*, and returning it to us at the stated address within 20 business days of the date at the end of this letter. This will indicate your acceptance of all variations to your PFA as set out in this letter and the attachments. If you decide not to accept a variation to any activity, you should say this in the *Acceptance of Variation*. If after consultation with us you do not accept the variation, we may choose to vary the funding condition(s) without your agreement, in accordance with **2008-09 General Terms and Conditions for Funding Agreements Relating to Indigenous Programs**.

If you have a query or a concern about this offer or the PFA, please contact this office as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely
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Leonard Hill
Deputy ICC Manager
26 May 2011

Varied Schedule 1**Variation Changes****Submission number : 23737****Variation number : 2****Changes to Activity : Murdi Paaki Regional Partnership Agreement**

	Old Value	New Value
Periodic Financial Statements reporting frequency	Half Yearly	Quarterly

Activity Objectives

Old Value

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This Agreement establishes a partnership to achieve sustainable improvements for people living in the Murdi Paaki region across the six Closing the Gap outcomes. The parties will work together to coordinate services and effectively deliver initiatives across communities in the region in response to locally identified need.

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- healthy homes and environmental health;
- safe families and communities;
- health;
- early childhood;
- education;
- economic participation and development
- community resilience and
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- To at least halve the gap in attainment at Year 12 schooling (or equivalent level) by 2020; and
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- The Murdi Paaki region has a multifaceted system of Indigenous community governance, based on the principles of community participation, responsibility, and accountability;
- Each of the 16 major communities has established a Community Working Party, comprising representatives from the local Indigenous community;
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The Terms of Reference for the review and the reviewer must be agreed by the Murdi Paaki Regional Engagement Group within two years after the Agreement is signed.

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- Provision of a quarterly financial report by the funds auspice (BBC) to the MPRA members on the financial position of MPRA funding at the MPRA Workshop following the end of each financial Quarter
- Provision of a progress report on the MPRA engagement with Local Government
- Provision of MPRA Workshop Minutes to the Western Region ICC
- Number of meetings held
- Number of people attending meetings

Budget	Financial Year	Old Description	Old Value	New Value
INCOME				
Operational	2010/11		\$47,000.00	\$147,000.00
EXPENDITURE				
Support for MPRA Chairs at	2010/11			\$46,000.00
MPRA workshop costs	2010/11			\$46,000.00
MPRA Engagement with Local Gov.	2010/11		\$20,000.00	\$28,000.00

Deed of Variation to Program Funding Agreement

BETWEEN

The Commonwealth of Australia represented by the
Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

AND

Brewarrina Business Cooperative Ltd

Background

The Parties entered into a Program Funding Agreement under which the Commonwealth provided funding.

Variation to Program Funding Agreement Executed on 19/03/2010

The Parties agree as follows:

Parties agree to vary the PFA in the terms set out in this Deed.

EXECUTED AS A DEED

SIGNED AND DELIVERED

for and on behalf of the

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

represented by and acting through the

Department of Families, Housing, Community Services

and Indigenous Affairs

ABN 36 342 015 855

by Leonard Hill on 12/8/10

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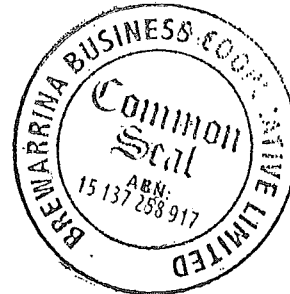
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Deed of Variation accepted as described in this letter.

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Witness

Name and address of Witness

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