

Aboriginal Affairs Strategy Community Conversations

What is the Aboriginal Affairs Strategy?

The Aboriginal Affairs Strategy is a 10 year commitment by the NT Government that will bring together Aboriginal peoples aspirations across the Territory and identify how the NT Government will work with communities to achieve these.

The NT Government has already committed to a number of policy initiatives that aim to empower Aboriginal people and communities and break down barriers that are preventing positive development for communities. These key policy commitments include:

1. Treaty
2. Local Decision Making
3. A Land and Sea Action Plan

The NT Government understands that to achieve change Government must change the way it does business with community, including improving coordination between Departments and supporting Aboriginal people and organisations to lead the way.

Local contact information box

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(ACCO- Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation)



How can you get involved?

To ensure that the Strategy matches what community has told us so far and that the policies meet the needs of people and organisations on the ground, we will be visiting communities to have conversations to hear from you. There are three different things we want to talk to you about. You can choose what part of the conversation best suits you or your organisation. For example, organisations that have already told Government what they want and are delivering services or running a business may wish to talk with us about menu option 3.



Option 1

What: Creating a Shared Vision

How: 2 hour focus group

Talking about:

- Community Aspirations-What's important to you?
- Aboriginal people and community leading the way. What does that mean for you?
- A different way of "doing business".

Who: Youth, women, people with disabilities, Elders/elderly, men, people who may not get to talk with government much.



Option 2

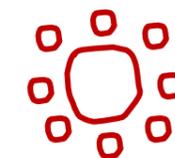
What: Achieving Sustainable Outcomes with Aboriginal People

How: 1 Day Regional Workshop between service providers, stakeholders and ACCOs.

Talking About:

- How best to measure change;
- How can community increase access to data and information at a local level to make informed decisions?
- How can the National Closing the Gap Targets link in?

Who: ACCOs, key stakeholders, Not-for-Profit organisations, Federal Government, youth services, community governance authorities eg. Local Authorities, Land Council Members and local Aboriginal organisations.



Option 3

What: Changing the Way Government does Business

How: Targeted One on One Discussion/Consultations.

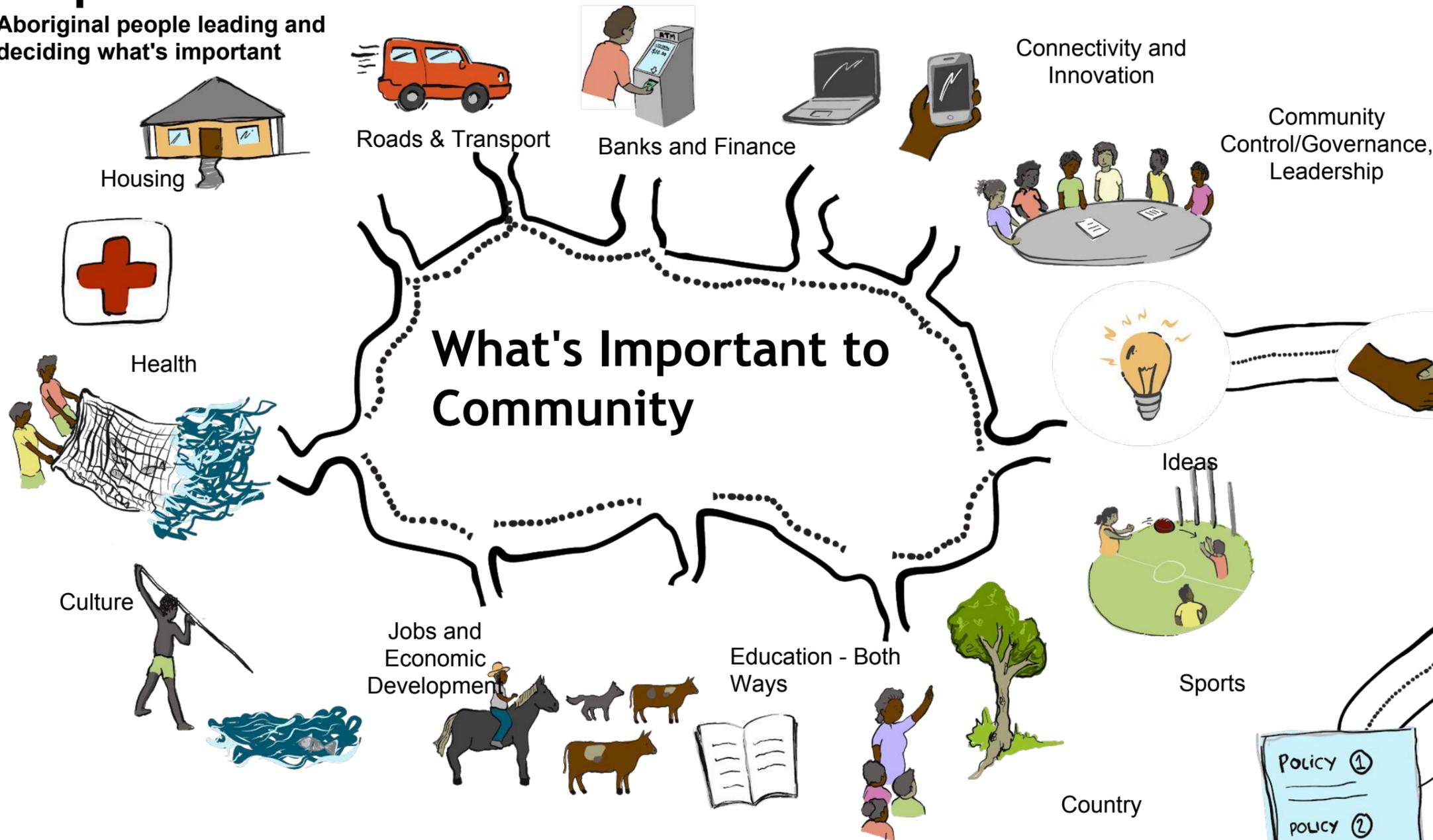
Talking about:

- How can government improve coordination to support what is important to your community?
- How can decisions in government be made more closer to the community level eg. Regional models for decision making?
- Solutions to government barriers to enable positive development.

Who: ACCO's, Local Decision Making sites, Empowered Communities sites, representative authorities or bodies elected by the community, peak Aboriginal Organisations, Land Councils, Local Government.

Step 1

Aboriginal people leading and deciding what's important



Step 2

Changing the way government does business

Government will look at how it can do business better with the input from community and ACCO's. This could include cultural awareness, place based decision making and Departments working better with each other.

Step 3

Changing the way government does business

Government listens to what people and communities have said and develop and change policies that will respond to community needs and aspirations.

Step 4

Measuring change and progress

ACCO's and Stakeholders work with Government to identify what needs to be measured and how so we know that things have changed. It also will encourage accountability of Government and organisations who deliver services.

Step 5

Bringing it together

The Strategy document outlines the shared vision between Aboriginal people in the NT and NT Government on what and how Aboriginal peoples aspirations will be achieved. It will guide all of government to work towards a shared vision. One that is driven by Aboriginal people.

