LOCAL DECISION MAKING

VISION:

Aboriginal people determining their own futures.

"At the pace communities are comfortable, the Government is ceding decision-making power back to where it belongs, the communities." From the Chief Minister, Michael Gunner, Barunga Speech 9 June 2018.

Local Decision Making Principles turn policy into action:

Self-determination

Aboriginal people will lead decision making processes based on their needs.

Place-based

Government adapts to different locations, communities and services.



We will take time to get it right and will respond to local priorities.

Co-design

We will work with community, not design something then come to community for input.

Community control

We will support community to reach their aspirations.

Principles were informed by and align with the Aboriginal Peak Organisations of the NT Partnership Principles accessible at: http://www.amsant.org.au/apont/our-work/non-government-organisations/apo-nt-ngo-principles

Some ways communities are engaging in Local Decision Making:



Individual Aboriginal Corporations.



Aboriginal Corporations coming together to form an alliance.



Aboriginal Cultural governance systems.

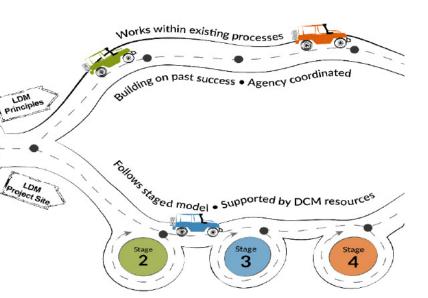


Regional model including several communities and their organisations.

Practical Steps: A Roadmap

Top road journeys involve government agencies using the LDM principles to adapt service delivery in communities.

A bottom road LDM site is an agreement between community leadership and several government agencies working in a coordinated approach to achieve a broad range of aspirations.



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Stage 1: Preparing

Understanding LDM and sharing meaningful information.

Stage 2: Becoming a LDM site

Communities choose to be involved and identify aspirations.

Stage 3: Negotiating

Details of service transition, resources, governance and timeframes are agreed.

Stage 4: Implementing

Working together to achieve aspirations enabling community control.



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The LDM Community Control Continuum

Government

Inform

Government led, formal mechanism for engagement provides information

Consult

Government led community feedback mechanisms at various times

Involve

Government led, formal advisory mechanisms

Collaborate

Community led -Government funded, codesigned and monitored

Empower

Led by Aboriginalcontrolled organisations

cultural authority, resilience and

Two way capacity strengthening

Two way capacity building enables government agencies and community representatives to work together.



Community may need capacity strengthening governance, negotiation skills, community support structures.

Existing strengths connection to country.



Government may need to strengthen capacity coordinate agencies, be flexible in practice and process, and build local cultural competency.

Existing authority through policy, financial resources and control, institutional power, legislation and regulation.

Community priority areas for Local Decision Making:



Community







The Community Control Continuum is based on the principles of International

Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Public Participation Spectrum





