

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES FORUM CONSULTATION PAPER

INTRODUCTION

- The McGowan Government's Supporting Communities Policy includes a commitment to 'build on the relationships created between government and the community services sector through the Partnership Forum and ensure that these relationships are extended to a much broader range of stakeholders'.
- In line with the Supporting Communities Policy, the McGowan Government will undertake a consultation process, to inform the membership and Terms of Reference for the new Supporting Communities Forum.

BACKGROUND

- The Partnership Forum was established in 2010 by the then Premier with an independent Chair and 12 Cabinet-appointed members (now 23). Members included government; community sector leaders and consumer advocates. The Department of the Premier and Cabinet provided secretariat support.
- The Partnership Forum's agenda included: reducing administrative burden, collaboration and improving communication to mitigate risks to sustainable services. The Forum promoted contemporary practices such as co-design, integrated service delivery, place-based service delivery, data linkage, data sharing and flexible funding models, and provided an avenue for government to seek advice on community sector issues, through open and robust discussion and problem solving.
- The Premier and the Minister for Community Services are committed to working with the community sector to settle the membership and Terms of Reference for the Supporting Communities Forum.
- Feedback can be provided in writing. You may wish to respond to the questions below to guide your submission.

QUESTIONS

1. What lessons could be learnt and adapted from the Partnership Forum?
2. What feedback do you have regarding the Draft Terms of Reference, in particular in relation to:
 - a. Membership – should members represent organisations or be there in their own right?
 - b. Chairperson
 - c. Frequency of meetings
 - d. Operations
 - e. Engagement the broader sector and regional WA
3. Is there any further advice you would like to provide in relation to the Supporting Communities Forum?

CONTACT DETAILS

Please provide your response to Rae Markham (Rae.Markham@dpc.wa.gov.au) by no later than 4 August 2017.