Joint Council on Closing the Gap will meet to discuss progress on National Agreement on Closing the Gap

The Joint Council on Closing the Gap will meet Tuesday afternoon 17 November to discuss the implementation of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. It will be the first time the Joint Council has met since the historic National Agreement on Closing the Gap came into effect on 27 July 2020.

The Joint Council will discuss:

- The collective responsibilities for the implementation of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap. Each jurisdiction will provide updates about the establishment and strengthening of partnership arrangements between individual governments, the Coalition of Peaks and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander partners to support the implementation of the Agreement.

- **Funding priorities for the joint funding pool** committed by governments to support Priority Reform Two, strengthening community-controlled sectors.

- A revised **Family Violence target** and a new **Access to Information target** which reflect a commitment in the National Agreement to develop these two targets within three months of the Agreement coming into effect.

- The first annual **Partnership Health Check** of the Partnership Agreement on Closing the Gap. The Health Check reflects the commitment of all parties to put in place actions and formal checks over the life of the 10-year Partnership Agreement to make sure that the shared decision-making arrangements strengthen over time.

Coalition of Peaks members will be available after the meeting for interviews.

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About the Joint Council
The Joint Council is made up on 12 members of the Coalition of Peaks, elected by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members; a Minister chosen by each government; and a representative of the Australian Local Government Association nominated by its president. Its role is to support national leadership, coordination and cooperation on Closing the Gap and provide advice to First Ministers, the President of the Australian Local Government Association and the Coalition of Peaks as signatories to the Partnership and National Agreement on Closing the Gap.
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About the Coalition of Peaks
The Coalition of Peaks is a representative body of around fifty Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled peak organisations and members. The Coalition of Peaks came together on their own as an act of self-determination to be formal partners with Australian governments on Closing the Gap.

Members are either national, state or territory-wide Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community controlled peak bodies including certain independent statutory authorities. Their governing boards are elected by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and / or organisations.

For more information on the Coalition of Peaks and to sign up for our mailing list, go to:
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