

**Establishment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander**

**AOD Professional Body**

**Working Group Teleconference**

**27<sup>th</sup> August 2014**

**Minutes**

1. Welcome and apologies.

Attendees: Leon James, Mark Thompson, Scott Wilson, Gay Foster, Gabrielle Pusser (Secretarial support).

Apologies: Julie Spratt.

2. Minutes from the previous meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were accepted.

*Action:*

- Approved minutes to be placed on the NIDAC website.
3. Actions from the previous meeting.
    - Draft Terms of Reference: Finalised and to go up on the NIDAC website following this meeting.
    - Draft Minutes: It was agreed that following this meeting minutes would be placed on the NIDAC website in place of a communiqué.
    - No options for a name were provided at this meeting.
    - Draft Constitution accepted for review by the working group members.
    - Members accepted the amendment made to item 6 in the draft workplan.

*Actions:*

- *Working group members to provide options to NIDAC Secretariat for the name of the body before the next meeting.*
- *NIDAC Secretariat to look at various funding opportunities, including possibly through FARE, and provide feedback to the Chair, Mr Scott Wilson before the next meeting.*

4. Feedback from NIDAC from recent NIDAC meeting.

NIDAC remains supportive of this group. NIDAC has recommended the inclusion of an additional Terms of Reference namely the inclusion of: To progress work required to establish a professional body for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander AOD workers.

*Action:*

- Amend Terms of Reference to include suggestion by NIDAC

5. Draft Constitution – membership and objects.

The objects in the Constitution need to align with the ATO's eligibility for charitable status (for tax concessions). The draft of the Constitution was accepted for review by the working group members.

NIDAC Secretariat is meeting with a legal firm in September to discuss possible assistance with setting up the professional body.

*Actions:*

- *Working Group members to review the articles of the Constitution on membership and objects for discussion at the next meeting*
- *NIDAC Secretariat to provide feedback on the meeting with legal firm regarding request for assistance with setting up the professional body*

6. Next meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> September @ 11am EST.