



## Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Body

### Design Group

For over 40 years, Kimberley Aboriginal people have called for a regional body to speak strong, with one voice to government.

A strong regional body will give us a bigger say on policies and decisions that affect our people, our country, our languages, our families.

A Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Body must be designed our way, to suit Kimberley Aboriginal people for the long term.

We must take our time and be careful to respond to community, not government. We must respect the voices of local people and the principles of place-based decision-making.

A Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Body must respect our cultural traditions and the Law. It must respect the role of Traditional Owners, of existing organisations and the diversity of our community.

The time to act is now. We have come together to form a Design Group and start work on a model of regional governance.

But it is the voices of Kimberley Aboriginal people that must shape the design of a Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Body. Consultation and engagement will be key.

We look forward to working with you in coming months and years as we design and establish a Kimberley Aboriginal Regional Body.

For further information, please get in touch with your closest organisation.

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