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Draft suggestions for changes to service delivery out for comment

A draft report from the Queensland Productivity Commission has recommended new and improved approaches to service delivery for discrete Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities in Queensland.

The report, now available for feedback, has made 16 draft recommendations.

The recommendations propose reforms in three key areas:

- accountability and decision-making, funding and resourcing, and progress monitoring;

- individual and community needs;
- community development.

Commissioner Bronwyn Fredericks, who visited Yarrabah last week, said she and the QPC team consulted with communities from Cherbourg to the Torres Strait to investigate service

delivery across all areas including education, health care, housing and community safety.

"It was great to talk about the Inquiry with Yarrabah Mayor Ross Andrews, Councillors, Elverina Johnson, Sue Andrews and other Yarrabah leaders," Commissioner Fredericks said.

"While some services are being delivered well, many are not.

"Our inquiry team was asked to look at what the Queensland Government currently spends on services and what's being delivered, and opportunities to improve services and outcomes for communities."

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#cooltobekind campaign

Yarrabah's own Naysharn Noble has taken her courage in both hands and agreed to share her own portfolio photographs in support of an anti-bullying campaign.

The 'It's Cool to Be Kind' (#itscooltobekind) campaign is the brainchild of Cairns-based photographer Kate Stoter.

"This young lady will be a great role model, her inner beauty shines on the outside," Ms Stoter said.

"She is strong."

Ms Stoter said she likes to take powerful, positive

images of bullying victims to share their beauty and help to empower them within themselves and their communities.

"I hope to spread the message of hope and understanding that bullies also need kindness shown towards them because more often than not they have something horrible going at home or around them," she said.



"All stakeholders agree the current system is not meeting community, provider or government expectations," Professor Fredericks said (from page 1)...

She said traditional arrangements make it difficult to get services delivered well.

"Most service delivery issues are well-known to government, providers and communities," she said.

"What have been missing are the mechanisms for communities and government to achieve change.

"The proposed reforms aim to achieve two long sought-after goals — enabling communities to develop ways to improve

outcomes for themselves and ensuring genuine accountability for outcomes."

QPC is now seeking feedback on its draft report and recommendations, as well as further evidence and feedback on a wide range of areas from housing to land tenure and municipal services.

Prof Fredericks encouraged everyone to look at the Draft Report and to make comment via a written submission, audio file,

photographs, video or another means; or to contact the team to discuss before the 8th November.

QPC will provide its final report to the Queensland Government by 22 December 2017.

The draft report and summary is available online at: <https://www.qpc.qld.gov.au/inquiries/service-delivery-in-queenslands-remote-and-discrete-indigenous-communities/>

BEING the champions they are, several Seahawks - a whole team of them, in along with decent contingent of supporters made their way to Brisbane to play Queensland Murri Carnival just one week after the biggest day of football in their. Well done Seahawks!!! Pics thanks to Alicia Hari.





Yarrabah Cr Colin Cedric, Mayor Ross Andrews, Palm Island Mayor Alf Lacey and Torres Shire Mayor Vonda Malone at the funeral for Dr Evelyn Scott in Townsville earlier this month

Mayors meet in Gladstone this week

Indigenous Shire Councils will be part of up to 700 delegates, observers, trade representatives and government officials attending the 121st Local Government Association of Queensland annual conference in Gladstone this week.

More money for protection of the Great Barrier Reef and a special program to support child literacy were highlights of a comprehensive list of policy proposals put forward by the meeting ahead of the looming State election.

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Education Officers from the Australian Council of Trade Unions visited Yarrabah last month to mark the launch of the First Nations Workers' Alliance

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Pic thanks to Laymoka Marrott Valmay Massey



And still going strong! This group of Yarrie footballers played for Palm Island's Bwngcolman Brothers at the Bindal Allblacks in Townsville last weekend.

Sport history focus in study

University of Queensland sport historian Gary Osmond has been given a green light by the Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council to research historical relationships between sport and identity the community.

"To date, much of my work in this area has been with the people of Cherbourg," he said.

"I've received a Future Fellowship grant from the Australian Research Council to research Indigenous sport history and to yarn with communities about sporting memories.

"Yarrabah is one of those communities, along with Woorabinda and hopefully Palm Island and Thursday Island.

"The project is called Sport, Stories and Survival: Reframing Indigenous Sport History."

Mayor Ross Andrews said he was pleased to welcome Gary on board.

"We have a strong sporting history, not only in football, but in netball, boxing, athletics and more," he said.

"The Council's Menmuny Museum has played an important role in helping to preserve some of our memories, but the opportunity to record more of our stories is too good to miss.

"We want to welcome Gary and offer him our full cooperation."



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