





### Reconciliation Action Plan Update

Ms Jillian Collard presented a video on the launch of the department's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) on 30 August 2022. The RAP sets out the actions that the department must deliver against. Ms Collard has a senior leadership team that is leading the delivery of the RAP across the department, so that it is embedded in the way we work across the agency.

AWEAG members were interested to know how the department's RAP compares to those of other agencies. Ms Collard will be developing networks across agencies and Aboriginal leaders to build a better understanding of what is happening in the Reconciliation space.

### Water Reform Bill Progress Update

Dr Daniel Nevin provided an update on the progress of the drafting of the Water Reform Bill.

### Water Corporation: Water and Sewerage services to Aboriginal communities

Mr Paul Volk and Mr Anthony Bell from the Water Corporation provided an update on the upgrade of water and sewerage services in Aboriginal communities.

Mr Bell provided further information about the Essential Municipal Services Upgrade Program (EMSUP). Work has commenced to upgrade water and sewerage services in seven remote communities. Mr Volk provided an update on the Regional Essential Services Program (RES), a longer term program to hand over essential services for a further 134 Aboriginal communities to Water Corporation (water and sewerage) and Horizon Power (electricity), from 1 April 2023. Each community has a need to be served. Mr Volk (in a program) and Mr Bell (in a program) are working to ensure that the needs of these communities are met.