

Questions for House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal &
Torres Strait Islander Affairs
Inquiry into
Capacity building in Indigenous communities

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1 What do you think makes a well run community.

**A unified front – a sense of belonging to and ownership of a community.
Making people feeling their opinions matter. That they matter.**

2 How important is it for communities to have good leaders, what makes a good community leader?

It is extremely important, absolutely essential. A good community leader is about uniting factions, having intestinal fortitude to make the hard decisions, inspiring greatness in his community, innovative and creative thinking, and the ability to see things through.

3 How can communities make themselves stronger (in cities, towns and the bush)?

By developing and adopting strategies for a unified front.

4 What can governments do to help more community councils and organizations run better.

Resource them financially. Create employment and career pathways. Become more transparent with the funding that councils for Aboriginal programs.

5 What skills do people and organizations need for good community?

Communications, human resource management, accounting and legal studies skills.

6 How well do government departments work with communities, what more do they need to do

On a scale of one to ten, three. They need to become more transparent. They need to make available Koorie specific positions on council. Adopt a more including approach to the Indigenous community.

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