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WA	00.04.47	Good morning everyone Make a start if that OK? I'd just like to hand over to the president of the Bagot Council first to open the meeting and welcome everyone
H		Good morning everyone. I just want to say welcome to the people who are here from the community and <i>pause</i> the observers yeah
CS	00.05.54	<p>Thanks H. All right. My name is C S I'm the Government Business Manager for FAHCSIA for this community. I just like do a few introductions and then I'll hand over to R A who is going to be facilitating today's meeting and explaining what today's meeting is about. All right S from FAHCSI there is myself. There's L C who's the Indigenous Engagement Officer. At the back there, Lyall. We'd like to introduce R A who is the state manager for western Australia who is come and doing some facilitation of these community meetings across the territory. We've also got Merrily Cuthbertson who's our regional north for FAHCSIA and we've got C J and M H also from FAHCSIA. From DEEWR, we've got S B , S B is from DEEWR and C's from FAHCSIA and they are going to be doing the scribing today. So all the comments you people will make today they will be writing it down. R will talk a little bit more about that shortly. From the Aboriginal Interpreter Service, we've got two interpreters today for this meeting which is J G. Where's J? Hi J and also T H is also going to be interpreting today. We also have some observers from the Aboriginal Interpreter Service, M C, D H and E G. And I'll also like to welcome observers that are here as well. So I'll hand you over to R who'll w.. and welcome to country and who'll explain today's meeting.</p> <p>Pause Sorry, one thing I forgot. I just wanted to acknowledge our Commissioner from Anti Discrimination Commission, Mr E C</p>
RA	7.05	<p>OK Thank You. First of all I'd like to thank the community for inviting us here today and also acknowledge the traditional owners, the Larrikia Nation on whose land on which we are meeting. I'd also like to especially acknowledge the elders past present and future and thank you all for attending this session. I'd like now to have the interpreters come up and help me with this session. Thank you <i>pause</i> and they will explain their role this</p>

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		morning
I2	00.07.49	Anybody that talk creole? <i>Murmurs around the room</i> All right then Well from Aboriginal Interpreter Services and spoke coming here from interpreter service. We'll be bringing our, we'll be doing interpreting only. We're not going to take sides for Yolngu and for this one. We keep in the middle They are, we are passing a message from government to us and we'll be interpreting that message from the government to you mob and so that will be what we are doing
RA	00.08.36	Orkay, about alcohol thank you. This meeting this morning is about the future, the future of the relationship between the government and your community, the future of issues that are important to this community and for us to be able to report back to government, to our minister and other ministers both in the Australian Government and the Northern Territory Government issues that are important to you.
I2	00.09.13	Interpreting into Creole Very important issues that they are bringing from government. Future. How we going to bring future things between us mob and the government and then these mob will be doing writing story what you mob going to tell us and then they'll be taking that message back to Federal Government and other ministers in the territory
RA	00.09.48	I come from Western Australia. I'm the state manager in Western Australia and I'm here to help with the conversation with communities in Western Australia. We know that in the past that conversation hasn't been really good. That government has told these communities what we are doing and haven't actually asked or worked with you in a proper way.
I2		Creole Interpretation from Western Australia. He come from ... Country. The story that they brought here, we brought here is about the message from the past that they never been doing things the proper way for us mob. So, today we're going to talktalk and then make it better for the future
RA	00.10.47	We know that some of the things the government has done in the last four years is, has made a good difference but we also know that some of the things the government has done have made, have given some hurt or created some hurt to people

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I2	00.11.08	Yo In the past, we al know that government some of the things they didn't do the proper thing you know for us mob but some of things they never done proper way which didn't make us happy
RA	00.11.29	We also know that communities themselves have done some really good work to make life better for people and we want to learn from that during this conversation
I2		We all know that us mob in the community have been doing good job too but government want that work with us make it very good or proper way to do things
RA	00.12.01	We want to understand what is working and what isn't working
I2		Then we know what we want to know what is working better for us mob and what is not working , proper thing, for us mob
RA		On the board here, we've put up some things that we'd like to talk to you today. So we'd like to talk about school and kids. You know, are they going to school, whether the school works for you, what we need to do together to get better outcomes for kids
I2		First thing we gonna look around like this one, like that school, How we gonna make it better? School for kids and make them go to school and how the community will help in that schooling thing with our kids anda the rest of the community
RA	00.13.05	We also know from other talks we've had in the Northern Territory that jobs are really important. We wanna talk to you about jobs for this community, for Bagot and what you think is a good way for government to help.
I2		Yo, the next one we're talking about is jobs in Bagot. What we want here and what the government will help us get that job.
RA	00.13.35	We'd like to talk to you about alcohol, whether it's a problem here? We don't know , I don't know that but you can tell us and, what you think, if it is a problem, what you think would help your community
I2		We'll be talking about alcohol If you mob thinks there's are problem in here in the community ... or nothing and we can talk and how to make it a better... take back to the government
I2	00.14.11	<i>Talk from the back not audible a question I think</i> We came across that area and before. Yeah we came across especially in Darwin in the urban area and yeah and again you don't understand, the government, if there

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		is no interpreter, there is no job and if the government understand, but we understand. We'll be sitting down and if you need us mob, then we can explain ... OK? Yeah Thank you.
RA	00.15.03	Ok Thank you We'd also like to talk about the community and safety. I'll ask you a question as we go through whether Bagot is a safe place and what works here and what doesn't work here. We'd also like to talk about health and the services you receive around the health and things that are working well and things that aren't, and things you need for the future. We'd like to talk about food, healthy food and I understand the school now is closed here. But what are the things that will improve nutrition and get you good access to quality food. We'd like to talk about housing. Whether the housing works? Whether there's enough, not enough? Whether the management of housing works? Whether there are issues around housing? We know this is a bit issue in the Northern Territory because in the last two weeks we've heard from every community. And finally, we'd like to talk about governance. Now for me governance means how you fellas work out how to talk to government, how you actually manage organisations and how you control issues in this community. The other thing is that there's plenty of room for other issues fro you. So this is what we've come up with is the first starting point of the conversation. Are there issues, which you think are more important or equally important to talk about, that what we want to do today? So we include them and we'll put them down as well
	00.15.50	The last thing I want to say, is that a team of people here will write everything down. We won't be putting names against who is saying what from this community. We are just recording what you are saying and we will come back and talk to you about what to make sure we have got the message is right. And that is what we are gonna do. Now how I operate now is I've got a roving microphone and for whoever wants to talk tis up the back with Carol. Whatever issue you want to talk about, we'll start and we'll have the conversation. So thank you
W?	17.42	I just heard schools. Talk about school
RA		So we start with schools? So how does school work here? Easy relationship with the school, hard one?

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W	00.18.00	<i>Voice in the background not audible</i> With the schools mostly children who are here at primary school go to Ludmilla and I think there is a few go up to Parap too and then you've got Middle School and high school at Nightcliff and also Darwin Middle School and High School. With us, we've been working ( <i>microphone screech</i> ) Its been really good with the, we can only, most of us mainly talk about Ludmilla and some of us can probably talk about the other schools, them ones, the majority of the kids are in primary school they're at Ludmilla or Parap, yeah so maybe we've got parents here where kids are going to the Middle Schools and that and what they're like but as far as we know Ludmilla. They had the Red Cross come in with the ... bus in the morning to pick up the children and take them to school and they walk home in the afternoon. We have been having a little bit of problem about taking the kids attendance and I suppose one thing we gotta work around and see how we can get them going to school, I suppose. ... and with numbers dropping like at Ludmilla its really hard because if the numbers drop and they don't get as many as they are supposed to the school is going to close
RA	00.20.10	So do parents get involved in, like in a parents group at the school or not?
		<i>In background "Yes" answer but not micked</i>
RA		So the PACE program worked well
M		<i>Started speaking before mike got to him. Shouting Inaudible</i>
W	00.22.24	<b>There is a big problem because most of the people who come in don't, decide to go back home because they don't know that they're causing problem within the community And another thing I'd like to raise about the children is our children who are going through the high school. Its coming towards the wet season now and they don't have any transport to be taken to school especially in this type of weather. Most of our kids wet half way</b>
RA		<b>So how far is the high school from here?</b>
W		<b>Nightcliff and maybe Darwin High I suppose when they get off</b>

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RA		<b>So that's quite a long way</b>
W		<b>And you know we don't have transport and we try to get our kids to school. And the kids that go to Ludmilla, the Red Cross take them to the, but then they have to walk back from Ludmilla, come back to Bagot</b>
RA	00.22.57	<b>So why is it only a one way trip?</b>
W		<b>Who knows? We've never asked that question</b>
RA		<b>So we need to find out why its only one way. IF kids left in school they've got to walk home</b>
W		<b>Sometimes we have problems with the main bus service. I've reported three times to three different drivers because they wouldn't pick up the kids from the high school and they come home crying because they want to go to school. What am I supposed to do?</b>
RA	00.23.27	So that is a disincentive for them
		So I've reported those three drivers by getting their names and number of the buses
RA		Anything happen or not?
W		Yes they have been sacked from their job. So this is not just the wet season. Its all the time
RA		So what I'm hearing in the school is two issues. There's transport to and from the high school and the primary school and I'm also hearing an issues with people coming and visiting Bagot, staying for a long time and having different sets of rules around their kids or leaving their kids. Is that what I'm hearing <i>inaudible audience</i> Are they not going to school? They come and visit Bagot and they've got kids running round not responsible
	00.24.15	Richard, summarising - so its not just the visitors, its other families. So there is an issues with visitors but there is also other people too. So what do you think will help get kids to school if there are families who aren't taking that responsibility
W		Inaudible
RA		So what did the PACE program do when it was here? <i>(PaCE = Parental and community Engagement Programs DEEWR)</i> What are the sort of things it was doing

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W?		It was helping parents engage with the education system <i>(very faint) inaudible</i>
RA	00.25.23	And that helped did it? That sounded like it was doing parenting sort of, skill work ...
		Yeah it really helped
W?		<i>(Very faint)</i> That was the only program that was getting the parents into the school, that is, if they were going to school <i>inaudible</i> just getting parents engaged with the school, if they were in trouble ... The majority of the kids ... front office not with their teachers
	00.26.08	So I think asked the question before about the relationship with the school/ It sounds like since the PaCE program, the relationship is generally a negative one. You only go when your kid's in trouble or you're paying money. So that a hard relationship .... So with sorry business the school doesn't understand or
		Lots of voices ... it's the school system
RA		<b>So the conversation isn't happening between the community and the school by the sounds</b>
W		<b>Conversation continues between Richard and women out of hearing ... so they sit for weeks so for instance if your child goes to a funeral, you get marked x from the school roll for three days if you don't notify the teachers that you know , three days away for a funeral ... that funeral gets tagged you know. That means people stay at home ... no where to go, you know</b>
		I understand that, but it sounds like there are two things going on here, There's, there's, I was trying to use a simple word and I don't know that there is a simple word 'disengagement' between community and the schools so the conversation is not happening and on top of that there seems to be a hard rule around sorry business that disadvantages kids
	00.27.32	<i>General conversation no points are audible</i>
RA		<b>So I'm hearing two things there needs to be conversations about things like sorry business that give some flexibility around the child's education but I'm also hearing from the community that you want to make sure that kids or their parents that aren't sending their kids to school are engaging back in the education system</b>

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	00.27.56	Sometime, Sometime drunks you know, they can make noise at night and very hard for the kids to go to school
RA		So that comes into the Alcohol question as well . If people are drinking and making noise all night it affects the kids ability to learn in school the next day or even to wake up. And I hear this in the Kimberly all the time . The kids really want to go to school but because they're up until 2, 3 or 4 in the morning because of noise or humbug or whatever its really hard for them to go to school to learn and when they go to school they can't learn very well because they are half asleep (woman's voice not audible )  So what control have you got about drinking here? ... Not much
Several W		There's nothing, there's nothing. There's that sign over there. We told the ambulance .... And then they stopped it
RA	00.29.13	What do the police, do they come here? Not much?
		Sometimes, when we call them or when they feel like coming ... we need to go to the school to call them
RA		I was just interested .... Lets keep on the school sorry!
W?		I think that the attendance is failing in the general school that kids go to Middle school that is better kids contacting either keep going or fail or keep going to school anymore. What going on for our kids at Middle School beyond Clontarf. Clontarf is happening there ... What else? There's no encouragement, no nothing happening. I've got two boys that go Middle School and one doesn't want to go to school and the other one wants to go to another school, I don't know why. I don't understand what's going on with the teachers there. Yes so it failing there ...
RA		So school's aren't inspiring kids, is that what you are saying?
		No encouragement
		So you've got Clontarf I understand in the Northern Territory. We have it in Western Australia a lot ,which tries to get young boys into football and young girls into basketball and matching both sports to education and educational attainment .. so sports
		There are more sports than football

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	00.30.58	Exactly .... There should be more sports
W?		There should be other activities
		So I'm interested in why in Middle School it's not working. I heard in another community this week that bullying was a problem at school, is that
		Yes <i>inaudible</i>
RA		So is that a problem with curriculum? Is it a problem with the teachers? Is it a problem with the encouragement side? What do you think is missing?
	00.32.01	
		<b>So might be a communication problem</b>
W		<b>I try to see, barrier there. Maybe communication problem specially when it is something to do with Aboriginal kids</b>
RA	00.32.33	<b>Are there Aboriginal workers in the school at all or none?</b>
		<b>No but it wouldn't hurt if they'd be an interpreter working there along with the kids because there are a lot of kids that go to school that I know for sure because I'm from a local community and I tell you if there are visitors coming in from community and they tend to stay for a very long time and when they have to enrol, the communication is very bad for sure</b>
RA		<b>So before when I heard that some visitors don't get their kids going to school that might be part of the problem. Maybe or might be some other reason but its something to look at ... yeah... so just coming back to kids and your sons are obviously not having a great time</b>
W?		There's something failing in the Middle School system because that where our kids are not Its Middle School
RA	00. 33.39	So tis working in Primary School
W?		Most of our kids go to primary school but but not many at middle school they don't stay on
RA		So how do you think we should find out what that problem is because it sounds very real, you know?
W?		<i>Lots of voices and opinions mostly inaudible</i> We should have a meeting with that schools, with the

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		teachers, the principals and some parents that...
RA		So you don't do that at the moment? That's not what happens
W?		We have one meeting that wasn't organised at night for Middle School but there was only a handful of us there and I don't think. We need to get the word out to everyone not just a handful of people
W? different	00.34.32	I think it just gets back to the parents going into the school you know, looking themselves. They are the ones to be identifying the problems their children are having ... <i>that's right</i> and the PaCE program used to take parents into the school ... more parents need to be involved
W?		Yeah but if you have more of the group going, parents able ... <i>inaudible</i>
RA	00.35.23	Is that easy for parents to go individually to talk to the school and I'm hearing probably it isn't easy
		But in a group?
RA		That's right
		And then you hear another problem and they all say we have the same problem too so one on one
RA		So the PaCE program sounded like it helped get that conversation and now there is nowhere to go really to have that conversation
		It was only a pilot project or only one year
RA		So is the issue now that you have to get on with the headmaster or the teacher before you have that yarn ... <i>discussion inaudible</i> So who else can inspire those kids in Middle Schools so they'll keep learning? So parents you can do your bit but if you think about the system we get it right parents can do your bit and get kids to school, what else will inspire those kids to learn and go forward?
	00.36.35	<i>Inaudible</i> just not using mice
RA		<b>Some people talk about mentor for kids, you know, that advocate for kids and to both inspire them and be a bridge between them and the teachers and others. Is that what you are talking about?</b>
	00.38.08	Inaudible ... Its after school where they have the problems. You can see that they are doing their job
RA		So there are two bits to tis then – if I'm hearing you right? The first bit is we need better conversations and support

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		for kids in the school and the second bit is, you've just told me was that you need the agencies that fund the schools to make sure the processes in the school are right, the service is right ... so you want a guarantee that when your kids go into the school, the service is going to be good. OK Thank you
		<i>Inaudible</i>
RA	00.39.01	How many kids from here would go to year 12?
		One, two or one maybe
RA		So only a very few
		... so when they get to high school or middle school that nothing for our children to achieve what they want . They achieve by going to school. There's nothing for ...
		<i>Inaudible ... Essay ...</i>
RA		<i>Summarising discussion</i> So she gets disappointed by not being able to understand and she give up
W		... And that's where the teacher gives the child the essay you know should know what that child's standard is ... and admit this to her she can't understand it properly ... instead of just giving her the assignment and expecting her to do it ( <i>Lots of background noise and conversations going on</i> )
	00.41.06	That what puts our children off going to school ... we can't understand it. Stay home.
RA		So kids shamed? Yeah
W		<b>... especially when the kids don't go to school, gone to a funeral or whatever, they come back into the classroom and all the other kids are up here and that kid is there. That kid feels shamed, you know.</b> How are they going to get up there to be with the other kids? They say I want to go to school
W		And there is no help in the classroom for those other children. There's no help to pick up, eh?
RA		And sometime I know in Western Australian I know sometimes they tease if they don't know ... so then they get disappointed
		And then you with those that want to go to school

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RA	00.41.53	So this is Middle School, I don't know the system in the Northern Territory but kids come out of Middle School
		They come out of Primary school and into Middle School
RA		Bad English
		Half these kids don't go to Middle School. They can't even read and write properly. That should have been fixed up in grade 3,4 Not getting picked up in year 7 and 8
RA		So there are no programs to focus on them to catch up
	00.42.12	Na , Not here
Interpreter? Observer?		Excuse me I just want to take my interpreter hat off and use the community hat. I used to , with the various schools, I used to ASPA <sup>1</sup> after school programs and government provide funding to employ to that job for after hours program for Indigenous kids at Bagot but not just here but kids attending and also to recognise a bilingual program for Indigenous kids through that they'll be able to learn both languages and both cultures like English and language and culture is very important to future children and we are talking about the future. So should it be funding provided by the government for ASPA to employ someone for after hours
RA		Would you do that here?
		<b>and also to provide funding for bilingual program to put it back to school So that very important issues</b>
RA		<b>So bilinguals gone from schools now?</b>
	00.43.44	<b>Yes, they have taken most of that away. That why we find a lot of fault now on the Education Department side. And another one too, we also need to get our Aboriginal tutoring scheme ... They're living in the city all the time</b>
RA	00.44.13	So if I can give the three issues. One is about the old ASPA program providing after school support for education. Is

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<sup>1</sup> *I think this is an earlier version of PaCE programs developed at community level to support parental participation in schools but there was flexibility about how it was used – homework and afterschool programs, cultural programs and paying people to come into the school. PaCE is negotiated between community and FAHCSIA*

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		that like
		After school type program
RA		And that would be kids in a classroom
		They also take them outside in the bus in an open environment
RA		So it might be here
		<b>Yes and also to bring bilingual program back into the school. It is very important for future children, Indigenous children to do that</b>
RA	00.44.51	So what I'm hearing is in Middle School you need special support for kids who are struggling to bring their standard up
		Because they haven't had the support in Primary school so they start behind ... and then on top of that you are saying you want , to give another lift up, maybe after school education
		Exactly yes
RA		And then part of that process is might be bilingual back in the school
		Yeah, Yeah. Governments should recognise and put that bilingual programme back into the curriculum documents
		Another thing I think it is important to encourage children, like the little two year olds or three year olds to attend all these little ... <i>noisy plane going overhead</i>
RA		So that's the real young ones the pre primary
		That's the start. That's here in all the community
		So what happens pre primary now?
	00.45.52	Nothing ... Little Children are Sacred have the fund bus that come in once a week. They do activity with the little kids you know getting them ready for pre school
RA		Does that program also help the mothers and fathers in terms of how to get kids ready too?
		Yeah
		So along with that fun bus you also have a family support worker attend and that where the parents get their

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RA		And it works OK?
		They need the parents to get involved in bringing their children for the activities
RA	00.46.32	<i>Another plane going over</i> So ... what about parents who still won't send their kids to school .... Someone said before that parents don't care so much
		Some of them children ... the parent has the children
		So what should happen for those parents?
		We should have some one employed, telling them <i>inaudible</i> Like a curfew. Other Aboriginal communities, I've heard, have got their night patrol system, you know, running around. You know they get caught
		In some communities they're not allowed to play cards .... But we're right in the centre of the city
		The parents are getting fined for it through the council
		In Maningrida they have a school safety for the children and that's it. Young children walking around, especially the high school mob walking around. They put them in a sort of night patrol and take them back home. And they keep doing that then they can pick their rubbish up or clean the yard ...
RA	00.47.48	So what are the rules around here? No rules ?
M		None, none
W		<b>They've taken the night patrol away from here (NP)</b>
W		My kids stay home and they obey the rules
RA		So it's the parents who have got set the rules
		It has to start at home ( lots of voices) You know we have good outcomes from primary school You know my niece has come in from community and she has learnt more at this primary school than in middle school
Women		It should come from the community.
RA		There's obviously a bit difference between primary school and middles isn't there? I'm hearing they're going really well at primary school

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W		Yes. Its too soon for the ... so when they get to middle school there're problems
Women	00.48.32	If the primary school .... You know the way it was, they need that extra year in primary school <sup>2</sup> that community schooling that was there It would help them a lot
		I find my grandson doesn't want to go to school
RA		We don't have middle school in western Australia. What? is it like from year 7 or 8
	00.48.46	Yes 7 - 9 Yes 7, 8 9
RA		789 and then they go to high school ... Yeah... the middle bit is where they're really at high school ... So anything else around schools? Anything else around education I'm hearing it would be good to keep going with the free primary school kids. Give support to parents with children at that age but the issues around the primary schools seems to working with themselves with the communication are better than it is the Middle school. There's a problem with Middle School. The communication isn't there the support you think with bilingual education and there's a need for support outside the school system for more learning
W		<b>And they should have more better understanding for Aboriginal culture too</b>
RA		So they don't teach that?
Women mixed voices		Nah, No, they teach ... Not in Darwin schools ... only in primary ... How many nationality in the world today? But not us. Not included in the school
Women Baby noises	00.50.00	<b>They teach Thai, Spanish, Chinese ... they don't teach Aboriginal studies in high school, in middle school and its not because, basically everything ...</b>

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<sup>1</sup> The women are referring to the changes to stages of schooling that occurred with the introduction of Middle Years in 2007. This saw year 7 moving from Primary school to Secondary Schools and the creation stages of school Middle Years and Senior Colleges. The Bagot community has been affected. Ludmilla previously offered secondary and not limited to primary. Students now leave to go to either Darwin Middle School or Nightcliff Middle School for year 7. They move again to a further transition in year 10 to a senior campus at either Darwin or Casuarina.

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		<b>Australian. Everything in curriculum... there are probably 25 or more 30, 50 tribes in different cultural backgrounds that they need to know</b>
RA	00.50.35	It's a rich culture
W		And it's the same over in Queensland, where that's not being taught at the high schools here Where culture part of language should be addressed whether its in the workplace or at school.
RA	00.50.49	I'll tell you a story because my son went to primary school in Broome Western Australia and he learnt <b>Naru</b> ? Language in the school as a whitefella. That what was taught as a subject in that school ... mmm ... so
		And what's that language?
RA	00.51.06	<b>Naru</b> is the local community language there
		I don't know what we could do. We have that many languages.
RA		Well they also taught culture and its good for him to know that because he's living
M		But tribes here too much
RA		I think I've heard that really strong message. Is there anything else around education before we move on? We have to make sure we got of that down and we'll come back to you and talk about it. What do you want to talk about next?
	00.51.45	We want to talk about alcohol... Alcohol. <i>Many voices</i>
RA		You want alcohol next? So what happens around Alcohol?
W		Ah it's a free country
RA		Free and easy
Men and women		All talking at once <i>inaudible</i> ... they sell way too much. That sign up there ... That's a lot of crap ... it's a lot of bullshit ... millions of dollars
		So the sign went up
W		The sign went up and it worked for a couple of months... <i>lots of voices</i> ... Its not working
RA	00.52.17	Its not working so what would you like to see here?

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		Night patrol
W		<b>Night patrol back! Our night patrol was working really well. Never working outside and helping the community outside</b>
RA	00.52.29	<b>So what happened to night patrol</b>
W		<b>They took it away. The government took it away. Laughs (NP)</b>
RA		So they stopped the money and
W		Because it was working so well that they had to take it away. It took away all the rest of the money the other things from outside
		So what does the night patrol do when it was working well? What were the things it was doing that made a difference?
		They were helping the people in stopping the noise from here. No alcohol coming is from the gate
	52.57	So you fellas set the rules and the night patrol did the work ?
		Its alright to have a pill eh? Or a drink
		But no go all night long eh have party ... make a lot of noise ... other people come back here that's the problem
	00.53.16	Sorry Night patrol used to be run out of Bagot now its run by Larrakia Nation
RA		Right
		So what people are saying was when that is run from outside ... no support in here
		The only time you see them in here is when they bring the drunks back
		They're not even from the community
RA		Ah so this is where you get dropped if you are drunk
		And the police does exactly the same
		And all the stereotype people out there think that they all come from this community here when they come from other communities down the track ... long grass
RA		See what I'm hearing from you is that you are a strong community 'yeah' but at the moment ... You're saying to me that you think the people out there think you are not

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		a strong community
		Everybody has the problem outside not inside 'Ah that Bagot maybe ' that what they favourite saying Australian born
RA		The sign went up, short time it sort of worked then
	00.54.24	Maybe if they stop that intervention with that drinking and let the people go back their communities and drink maybe <i>inaudible with many voices at once</i>
		Put pubs in their own community and control their alcohol problem
RA		So if someone is partying all night and making a lot of noise and, what would you do? At the moment what would you do?
		Ring the police. Every minute we ringing them up
RA		Do police come?
		Police come <i>lots of loud voices</i> three hours later
		Comeback in again go back
		What I've heard is that it is too much hassle because of them coming into ... particularly because they can't contain the fights ( <i>laughter</i> )
		That was one of the questions we took to them and said how come we, could you give us the difference between us and a remote area community? They put that same sign up there and it says no alcohol because those mob that are out there in the remote areas they get fined. They even get charged for an empty can in the car.
		Yeah that's true
		Then some of them have got their cars taken off them ... and then when we say to them, we say to the police here, we say you should be fining these people, you know. And they say 'we don't want to do that, they don't have much money'. Now, but they've got to remember that if government law out there and they're breaking their own law by not doing their job
RA	00.55.50	So can I ask this question because I've heard two things - It might be right to drink a little bit but its hard for someone who rinks too much and makes humbug yeah so how do you balance up those to

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		Well I mean
RA		You say no grog in here means no grog
		Why don't they give on the spot fine?
RA		You're saying give them an on the spot fine?
		Yeah like they do on other areas ( <i>many voices ...</i> )
RA		So this is anti social or drinking
		I'll tell you this much since the intervention started its created three time more the amount of drinking and its also created three times the amount of domestic violence
		True
RA		So you would like this whole place to be ...
		And its made this whole place Darwin ...
		I don't mind people drinking in the community because I know my family drinking there not on the side of the road getting bumped by car <i>Lots of competing voices</i>
RA	00.56.50	So, can I ask the question again? I'm not saying one thing or another I just want to understand it. So you think its OK to do social drinking in here?
Chorus		Yeah, Yes
RA		But the problem is people partying all night or people that don't live here getting dumped
		They don' understand that rule, 9 o'clock 10 o'clock
		Social drinking but a night patrol that works ... around the community as well
RA		And what about help for people who are drinking too much? Is there anywhere they can go to get help?
		They've got CAPPS and other places there. But its always up to the person who's drinking themself.
		CAPPS open place but CAAPS always... and what's this place here called ... They go for treatment ...
RA	00.57.41	So how does CAAPS work
W		What's this place called?

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M		They go into treatment ...
W		...treatment is only for people coming out of jail <i>Lots of voices</i>
M?		FORWAARD <sup>3</sup>
W	00.57.50	FORWAARD only for people who come out of jail and Capps
M		<i>Inaudible comment directed at one of the women who responds</i>
W	00.57.57	Oh no I haven't been there for a long time ... <i>laughter</i>
M		So I heard many years ago ... Lajamanu Community. Its one happy camp in the squad car. They go along the track
W		I don't think so you are wrong there .. they wet their pants they get a fine and locked up
M		There you are there's your answer ... A good while ago we had meeting on the church, he called walkabout talkabout ... I drive my friend hey chairman? Walkabout talkabout ...he's men's group, men from <i>murmuring in group</i> he's talking about alcohol problem all that <i>pause lots of talking</i> When you have problem in the camp, we talk do some weekend. First, we talk, multicultural community we talk first. About alcohol problem with fighting. We talk first. This is what he said now listen ... they're stuffed up. we talk first then we get too rough and then they come with that stick and nothing like that and teach you cheeky. What we do then in the group ? <i>Inaudible may be language</i> If community listen the people on community we get person, anybody, young and old.. Him won't listen ..... What we do? You reckon in the group. There's only one way then you have to call the policeman.
W		That's right
M	1.00.25	Then the policeman coming in and he do nothing and one way for this blackfella here, put him, him in the droptop If its wrong, you so something very wrong then you know that you get eh? ... eh? Right? You can't pick (up) any

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<sup>1</sup> FORWAARD Foundation of Rehabilitation with Aboriginal Alcohol Related Difficulties <http://www.forwaard.com.au/index.html>

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		kind of work. You kill them but ... and then what happen after a little while. .. then what can happen ...
W	01.00.52	Fight
		lots of truck come down here 4WD. They can go after that bastard and kill him eh?
W		That's right
M		This way we talk in church .... <i>in language</i> ... <i>Voice rising</i> . We want to do it blackfella way right! There is no escape, no reason you can't run. He can't b damn well hide hide either. ...You understand that. Only useless thing you do. He can't run. He can't hide. It be why the law that way you know that. I know that. That gentleman over there, know that. Centrelink in WA ... know too.
	01.01.52	<i>Language</i>
M		What you gunna call them blackfella idiots? Eh? What do you reckon?
W		That's the truth
M		Come on; Come on, what you gunna do? Come on; give us some answers? Come on? I'm the only trouble here that sits down here in this community. Since 1942 I'm the only man here today ... Standing up here is the whole lot of the lost children the stolen standing up here.
W		<i>Inaudible .... Its true</i>
		Sick and tired of men that don't listen - ...argument, fight
W		Stabbing
M		<i>In soft voice</i> Some girl what's that look at that what's that
	01.02 40	<i>Inaudible</i>
		That makes me feel sorry when I see that eh?
W		Angry
M		.... The people we cry. Gambling, you want to talk about here today. What's right? Me cry when I see ... another Indigenous person I can't do anything I'm only one man. I can't do anything. Ladies and gentleman I can't do it. Why? Eh?

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W	01.03.18	Alcohol. Tell government stop ah Make em . ... alcohol ... Tell everybody to stop drinking
M		Just about everyone here
W		Stop the alcohol
Group talking		We've been fighting hard ... Its shit ... That sign ...
M diff		That what he said in the meeting talkabout, talkabout when you talk about the lady, you know, when you talk about the lady. He talk, he talk and feeling better he talk. Are you gonna talk in front of woman ....Are you gonna talk in from of a woman. ... When the Talk first , are you gonna talk with a woman Among the and the then the same thing ladies when you go humbug
W		There's a punch up. ... That's been forgotten
M		Just about wipened out
		Stop drugs and alcohol
w	01.05.18	That's the biggest problem that alcohol and drugs ... all kinds of drugs
		<i>All talking at once</i>
RA		So this one here? Big problem
M		What you reckon?
W		That's the main problem. That's the cause of everything we've been talking about. That the cause
M		We gotta work together

Videotape (middle of the meeting follows on from the audio tape)

Identifier	Time code	Transcription
	00.00.00	<i>Vision of white board. Facilitator points to circle with 'Alcohol and drugs' written in it. Drugs added</i>
RA		So what kind of drugs coming in here?
		Competing women's voices

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Group of women		Petrol sniffing Are you going to take petrol off the shelf I don't think so." <i>Laughter</i> "Are you going to take alcohol and drugs off the shelf?
W?		They are getting millions from it" <i>Lots of voices</i> "That's why we are in trouble right not
w		What are we supposed to be here to 3 o'clock 4 o'clock this afternoon? How long supposed to be here?
		We've only done two issues, not even. Lots of voices all talking at once
RA	00.00.57	Let me just summarise things you've been telling me. People are seeing drugs and alcohol as a major problem around culture affecting culture, relationships, affecting the ability to operate as a community well, impacting on education. These kids are getting some neglect and not being able to sleep properly and then it also affects relationships in families and I'm also hearing that police are not responsive and the night patrol are not able to ( <i>vision of note taker in the audience, camera pans around</i> ) ... So for this community what are the things that need to happen to improve that situation? I think the first one is a straightforward, drugs, its illegal so how do you deal with the drugs in this community? That's my opinion
W1		Every thing is open. The gates are open, the gates are open down here (she is pointing to where the gates are) It comes in anywhere nowhere you look at it.
		Its out there, everywhere is the community. How can we stop it
RA	00.02.02	So it, does this community have an alcohol plan at all? ( <i>the woman laughs</i> )
W2		... if they go to court, the judge gonna put them CAA PS <sup>4</sup> or ... That's out there in every community.
		Or to jail
W3		Richard, the Council have been talking about
W		But how can we solve it here?
M1		<i>Many voices competing</i> You gotta fix that one first before we fix up that one

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M		<i>Richard at the white board pointing are two areas We can't get that (Community safety) We can't get that</i>
RA		This is affected by this (looking at all the items on the whiteboard –housing, community stores, community safety, governance, health
W4		Everything. Everything you got there now
		What's the bottom line? If you took this ( <i>pointing at Alcohol and drugs on the whiteboard</i> ) would this be a safe place
M2		How are you bloody well going to that? Its too late ( <i>its too late echoed around room</i> ) Its too late its there now.
W5	00.03.16	If we see alcohol we go back home to our own country and sit down
W6		Excuse me ... what is happening for non Indigenous. What happens all over Australia? What outcomes have been achieved for alcohol? If there's been issues Aboriginal people with non-Indigenous people, what has the government has done for the non Indigenous people who have alcohol problems? What solutions have they come up with? It all right ... <i>Competing voices</i>
RA		I think there's problems in non Indigenous communities <i>Drowned out</i>
		Its everywhere
W6		What outcomes have you mob come up with ...
W7		You know what responsible for alcohol and their own drink. It up to them
		If they want to put poison in their body its up to them.
W8		I sit at my house and I drink. I don't walk around the streets and make a bigger f*ckin racket
W6		Because alcohol is an issue not only for Indigenous people
		We see white people walking round in the long grass too.
		And the Bottlo in Darwin opens at 10 O'clock You go down the track 1 O'clock, 2 o'clock, 3 into Darwin. Everyone coming into Darwin
		From the Government printers site up here down into the communities, that is why all up here till 10 o'clock , the stop here The government put them signs up and brought all the people in here 10 o'clock shop here

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RA		I've only been in Darwin for about two weeks and I get annoyed all night
W1	00.05.02	May be the store should close. Then finish no sale
W6		In order for us Indigenous people to look after our people, Why don't they look after their people ... Always come after always blackfella what about the whitefella
		Nothing
		They're still the same as us
		They're staying here and its still a problem alcohol, issues. Its too big for us mob not from race Issue is not a race issue We have to work together rather than The problem is everybody Alcohol is a problem fro everybody
RA		Absolutely
RA	00.05.50	There's no doubt about that
		You're talking about our community what about you know ...
RA		I'll be honest with you
W5	00.06.07	You come to our community all the time? ( <i>woman walking out</i> )
W2		They got to do it themselves
W6		I don't take that alcohol and that drug
		We cant change that now
W1		What is Government going to do
		If you drinking you can go to CAAPS there
W6		There's not enough space for you know people who want to get drunk and no room at the ... where are they going to go?
Tape SRO11F starts but continuing with time from video		
RA	00.06.56	So what I am hearing is that when people are picked up drunk from somewhere else, there needs to be a place where they can be put to be safe
W6		... Policy bring people back
RA		So what would help, is what I am hearing from you is that

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		when people are picked up drunk there needs to be a place where they can be safe
W2		From themselves
		From themselves and that's not here.
Women		No. Not really
W6		We've got places for woman and children, but there are not places for our men to help them. We've got issues with alcohol but how do we help the men as well?
RA		So what happens if there are no healing arrangements at the moment?
W6		We've got CAAPS and Forward that's basically but no space
RA	00.07.52	No space
		But then its up to that person I f they want to go
W6		If they want to go
		You can't go the t clinic and say hey stop drinking. Like that one
RA		So can I just repeat what I am hearing? I'm hearing two things lets see if I'm getting it right. One thing I am hearing is that by bringing drunk people back in here is no good for anybody a
Chorus		Any community
RA	00.08.25	What you are saying is there needs to be a place to take those people when they are picked up, no matter where they are picked up...who'll look after them and keep them safe
		Sobering up.
		So there needs to be more room for that but at the moment it just doesn't work. The second thing I am hearing is that people drunk in this community, there also needs to be a process to deal with that , if they're making humbug, or noise
W6	00.08.47	But if you are serious about helping them with alcohol then you know there are stages they help with
RA		So there are issues with dealing with the immediate issue if they are drunk and disorderly that need to be dealt with to make this a safe place and then there is a second issue about healing which is a longer term issue about their whole. That what I am hearing
W1		But not in here , in the bush
RA		Not in here

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W1		In the bush where they go, they know . So everything these people know where to find these things. They know
		So is that the same deal for drunks here?
W2		Yep
RA		Same thing
W1		Same thing. Because we've never had those things in all our lives except since we come to Darwin
W*	00.09.42	What about healing place in the bush
W1		That's what I'm saying, dear
RA		Actually going into a healing centre and dealing with the whole body
W1		That's right
RA		If they want to. It's a voluntary thing. Two things about behaviour, drunken behaviour to a safe place and second thing is if people want to jump on that life style they can move from being into that life style to being well, then there is a healing centre arrangement. That's what I'm hearing, is that right?
W		There are different communities and outstations
RA		But I'm hearing from you guys at the moment
W1		But this is the problem we are having here in Darwin
RA		And it's a problem
W1, W2 and M1		<i>Lots of discussion among the women - old man talks about young boys and education of young boys others mention mouthwash and access to alcohol. Other people use mouth wash to wash their mouths! Cake essence I heard too</i>
RA	00.11.13	There's a questions about access of alcohol close by, the hours they're open and there is also an issue about other substances that are substitutes ... mouth wash
W1		Cake essence
RA		Do people sniff solvent here too,
W1		I don't know. Maybe
M1		like paint? Paint. Spray too
		<i>General conversation lots of voices. Not audible</i>
RA		Yes I think that point is made well. Its across the board not just Aboriginal people . That why I ask the question I don't know
M1		Like in here, you know, maybe we can ask them ... in a strong way ... safety and healing and be altogether there

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W		We can outside of Darwin ... Mt Theo
W9		Why can't we have a program in Darwin so once they go there, then they get healing there and they get sober and they have program there. Why can't the government help us
RA	00.12.55	I'm hearing very strongly the healing centre idea is what you're saying is needed as a It's a gap at the moment
W1		I think it would help us
W2		We have to come to the point for the first thing to do. So we all need that
W9		So we need that program away from Darwin. You put them in a place for three or six months and after that they're released from that place where do they go? They go back to the same ...whitefellas they're been doing it before
W		They do the same cycle
RA		This lady wants to say something ( <i>on phone</i> )
W10 Very faint voice		I know that ... you can't help my family or my brother or any of my relatives ... its in the system already. Give us some sort of plan about how and why and the benefits to particular people. And because there's help with Amity <sup>5</sup> but hes' going to come back. ... Whole of their life a very long time. I don't think they are confident enough to walk in there and ask for help, They need someone to help. They need someone they're comfortable in dealing with. Maybe someone a health worker. I think it all has to be at home, encouragement so what you're trying probably find out more how this system, the law that introduced by the Intervention, how its going to uphold in a way that will make better. Because, first it was just a rush and everything was out of place, everybody saying about everything, all the issues out of place and affected us differently because we are Aboriginal people. All the emphasis placed on us just on us
RA	00.15.50	So what I'm hearing from that is that if you want to find a help it is a bit intimidating to go to services
		Maybe it starts at home. Its just like the school
RA		It's a bit like the school when we talk about helping parents and helping families
W10		Maybe ... Just to try and you know different ...

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<sup>1</sup> Amity Community services <http://www.amity.org.au> mainstream non government provider of community services located in Darwin close to Bagot

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RA		Is that someone who can come and talk to the family to help them
W10		Then maybe you might have someone introduce in certain areas to the service in areas and organisations in outstations with particular people to drugs and alcohol
RA		That is the same thing I said before about a partnership to bring services out to the community
W10		<i>Not very clear and soft</i> I know my brothers, my nephews are in alcohol. They're long grassers
		Someone said before you need to make your own decisions about your help but is also
W10	00.16.49	Exactly
W10		Its hard to ask us, because you know, its our family. From our perspective, from our point of view: I've been brought up seeing my nanna, my mum, my uncles and their cousins ( <i>pausing and thinking</i> ) In your society, western society, you have a child and you help him grow up to the stage where he is 18, 19 and 20 and then you say OK you're independent. That's not in our society. Whether he is 18, 19 or 20 he still in that family. That's how hard we feel about all that ( <i>gesturing to the board</i> )
RA		So we need to do a lot more talking about how to help your families
W10	00.18.02	Maybe there are some other options
RA		To think differently about how we. Thank you R, that's very useful
		You know last year we ... recording about the sales of alcohol
W6		<i>Very noisy</i> What did the government want to achieve, what did they set out to achieve about reporting of that
RA		I don't know I wasn't here
W6		... telling us about this today, its 2011. If it doesn't happen. Intervention started 07 and now its four years later. So we are asking you the questions, what has been achieved by all that recording of alcohol sales?
		I personally don't know. I'll find out and get someone to come back
	00.19.05	Well that what's wrong with you! Well that the problem ( <i>Richard engaged in another conversation off camera</i> )
		More alcohol programs. I didn't want to turn up
W10		They don't always get what they want to hear but we have to work together
RA		The government knows and understands that alcohol is a big problem in the Northern Territory

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M		Across the board
RA		Across the board
W1?		OK Can we move along <i>Shouting</i> I know next issue
W6		Ok the point is they should make this rule, whoever is recording, Some would like their stats. You should be able to come back to the community and tell us what outcomes you've had but its four years later and we're still talking ...Every meeting we come here and have we the same story. We want some sort of an answer. We want evidence to tell us <i>RA interjects</i> That's where we were last time. It was one then two there and now four and you keep coming review. How many times are you coming to review the Intervention? There was a review in 2009 and there were 97 recommendations, and from that 97 recommendations what have they actually done with the recommendations from the intervention? Have they endorsed any of them? With the community, the 73 prescribed area and including the town camps. You know, have they endorsed any
W1		And why we are stressing all of this because that's, <i>pointing</i> , that's the whole cause of the problem ( <i>leaves the room. There are now many empty chairs as people have left</i> ) That's the whole problem
RA		Do you want to move on from that problem?
		Yes. House
RA	00.21.45	Housing so what are the big issues here in Bagot?
W		There's not enough. Not enough
W		No money for repairs
RA		There's no money for repairs and maintenance
W1		<i>Coming in from the side</i> There's been no new housing in 23 years and where the money for the repairs for the house. I don't drink. I don't smoke. And we're talking about the Intervention. What about the lights for goodness sake?
		There's been no money, I think, allocated to housing body through the intervention and we have no light here so we stay home
RA		So who looks after housing?
		They need to be told they aren't doing a good job
W	00.22.45	We need to tell them we are not happy with their services.

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		We can tell them but they don't listen to us I don't know whose going to tell them
		You can tell them
		I don't know who is going to tell them
RA		Do they come and talk to you?
		Yeah they do ...When they want something from us ... Mainly, when you are behind in the rent
M		Behind rent, pay rent
W1		When they feel like it ... when they phone you ,they go outside and look at everything outside .. <i>Many voices</i>
W6	00.23.22	For repair and maintenance saving for new houses. So I can live in one house and somebody else can live in another house. If my house costs was more money than fair wear and tear there's nothing to say that I 'm not allowed to touch that money for their house repair and maintenance so they can use that money for their house and costs more than the allowance so how the crews going to get their house fixed
RA		So they do safety checks on houses to make sure they are safe places?
W6		Yeah. They get reviewed
RA		They get reviewed
		When they feel like coming out
RA	00.24.07	So they get inspected. So what is the main problem with repairs and maintenance? They're not putting money into it. So things are very wear and tear. Wear and tear
W6		They are not doing them on time. They not even doing them for fair wear and tear
W1 and W6		<i>Both are angry and are talking over the top of each other and machinery noise makes conversation difficult to decipher</i>
W1		Can you tell me sir? How long does it take to repair a house outside? Can you tell me? Is anyone here? Can any of these ladies and gentleman here who lives in Darwin, tell me? How many years before they go to repair a house, a housing commission house? Who lives in Darwin tell me? Whatever they do different the way they do their rent and stuff who give a dam? Tell Me? We can let you know we can't wait 33 years or 40 years. I want to know now what they are going to now ... from Aboriginal Affairs.
W6		They don't do that in Aboriginal community they go by income They go by income base in each household

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RA	00.25.53	So the rent for the houses here goes by and what happens outside is by income level so they're different
W1		Different levels
		But that where need educating about housing and how get better
RA		So what happens if you have fair wear and tear repairs and maintenance? What do you do?
		<i>Many voices</i>
W		If you have a tap leaking for three months you can phone up everyday. You ring up every day for three months, <i>pointing at W1 who is becoming quite distressed</i> and the water metres at every house
RA	00.26.07	So what I hear you saying is you want a service agreement that says if you make a fair and reasonable claim on repairs and maintenance that there is a certain time...
W1		When I asked this question about the repairs about what they do outside compared to here, no one answers.
RA		So you'd like the same services?
W1		So its like no one lives in Darwin? <i>Loud laughter</i>
W6		Two year funding for community ... so when we ask for our funding, how much funding is allocated to our people they do not have an answer. There's a bucket of money there because we know in the community. We want to know how much is allocated to our community to run, to make out house better
RA	00.26.51	I'm hearing two things. I'm hearing one thing you want is a minimum standard for responding to a repair
W6		But in order to that you need to know how much money has been allocated to all these houses
RA		Second question is you want an open and transparent arrangement to know what money is allocated per house
W6		We get told you government don't fund houses nearly for a year before, I don't know .. funding we don't know what funding they get for this
W1	00.27.22	<i>Quite loud and angry.</i> We want to know, do they want this land or what? This government wanna know that.
M		Hey hey
W1		I'm sick of it. Sick to death of it. We come up with what? We talk, talk, talk til the cows come home.
W		Just calm down
M		They're not doing their part that's all. I think they should just come and fix things up

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RA		I'm hearing you want a minimum response time
W1		How long does it take?
RA		That's what I am asking?
W1	00.28.03	Another million years before they come? <i>Laughter</i>
W1		We'll be dead and gone before these things happen
W6		We just live the housing in our community. We just want good housing in our community ...
W1		I want to have European people outside. What do they do to get a response from the government and the housing commission? I'm sick of it
RA		I'll ask that question. Maybe I'll ask that question

### Transcription and numbering from audiotape

W?	00.21.18	Ladies outside when reporting on maintenance they say - urgent, medium, or six working days. They have two categories. If someone rings up ... is it slowly or what? They'll send a plumber in the next four hours or they'll send a plumber in the next two days
		Many voices
RA	00.21.59	So I'm hearing you want the same standard as outside
		<i>Lots of talk about leaking taps</i>
W6		This is the same at L too. I pay rent, I certainly can't afford it
		Why don't they put extra money on the basic card so I can pay water
RA	00.22.31	We're just going to bring some sandwiches out. We can keep on with the meeting
W1		So poor we can't even pay for them ourselves <i>laughter</i>
RA		There was a question over the back there about the rents. Is there a difference between outside and here? And if the rent goes up quite a bit, if it is like outside it might go up. The question is can people afford that
W1		We are all on Basic Card here
W		Not only here
W1		But here, I'm talking about Bagot. I'm not talking about everybody else
	00.23.26	<i>Lots of voices. Something spilling Talking about all their bills rent every week, power and water</i>
W6		But if your responsibility for housing back to the community
	00.24.31	We want somebody here to talk about housing
		There are no employment opportunities here

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		Get off income management
RA		There's been a strong message about housing, about education and now about broader community business you need local people helping out in that space.
W6		But also the people, if you give, allocate the funding to an agency deal with all that issues there, nobody coming through gate and working together.
RA		That's the big missing thing
W6		That the big missing thing
RA	00.25.40	Do we want to move to health now
		<i>General talking</i>
		How does people get access to medical services?
W6?	00.26.00	What since it has been regularised? Transport hasn't been an issue ... <i>not audible</i>
RA		So where would you go for clinic?
		Here
RA		Does that work alright?
Chorus		Yeah
		...Government funding
		We don't get section 100 <sup>6</sup> funding here. He does but not us here <i>pause</i> The only service that is for everybody even if you are community or not. We even get people from Parap way , East >>> and then we don't get section 100 at this health clinic like at Parap. We don't have things available so when it comes to people coming from Arnhem , Central if that person doesn't have money for themselves to pay for their medication
RA	00.27.04	Right So they have to find money for medications
		Unless they find a pharmacy that will deal with their clinics in their community and if its OK with that mob then they can get their medication but they don't get their medicine ... for their mob but for us ... difficult to get medicine while they are visiting.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 100 Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme This scheme is restricted to remote areas <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health-pbs-indigenous-faq>

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		So some people are missing out then?
W6		I don't know but for those that not come from here. I mean you can't turn away people when they are sick
RA		No, so what health about elderly people for aged people
		We have Larrakia
M1	00.27.49	Larrakia
		And that is the support service to, does it do meals on wheels or
		They do meals on wheels.
RA		OK and what about dialysis and things like that
		Mission Australia
M1		They won't come into the community, that bus
W		If they want dialysis they have to walk outside the gate there and just be waiting there. They get picked up
RA		So why don't they come in here?
W1		Ask them I don't know
		We have to organise ...They've banned coming into Bagot
M1		I haven't seen any
RA		So you have to walk out the front to get a lift there
		Yeah and in rainy season...
		We have walk all those dialyses patients to the gate. Some of t hem can't walk properly. Rainy season they can't walk
RA		Ah and that the problem for them obviously ... <i>Some comments</i> So where do they do dialysis? In the hospital?
	00.28.50	Nightcliff
M1		That way, that way and that way
RA		Where's the pharmacy?
M1		Pharmacy that way. Down in Parap
RA		What about, what about, we talked a lot before in the education space and helping parents with education, is there some work that needs to happen also with environmental health?
W6		Environmental health
RA		Is environmental health a big issue here? So in the wet season there must be water everywhere
W1		Rats. Rats everywhere

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RA		They run. They go like in plague proportions?
		Yep
		In the houses
W1		They need to check the drain that goes from the rat place . Some person has to check that out .The sewerage goes to the oval ground and stays there
RA		So it comes off the rat place and runs onto the oval
		Sometimes we used to go there from the department needs to go there and look themselves
M1		... Twice the Bagot community cleaned the place up, cleaned the rubbish, the drain underneath. Twice. We came on the front page of the NT News. They called the Bagot people, you look like you live in a pigs sty. That's what the paper said. That Aboriginal people living in Bagot living like a pig. Next one. The drain. Houses the water comes in. Second one comes on the front page. The Bagot people, they live like pigs. I ,... everyone of them about what they are saying about us. I asked for help I accept one over to the Lajamanu community. I sent that one over there that would be beautiful. That is what the white man say to us . What do you think the Intervention for? To stop this sort of thing. The plastic bags are blowing over there. From there to there. When the rain comes, swimming pool over there ... if I be swimming. Why. Then it gets blocked up. We go way back him and I . We gonna do something about it. We sat over there by the tree by the basketball court. We told them the problem about that one right now. We ... it block and all the rubbish causes it. That little creek over there we talk that one. See
RA	00.32.13	So the drain, who's responsible for the drain? Whose drain's that?
M1		We were talking to someone about that? <i>Laughing</i> . No one knows anything about that. Yes Yes we'll do something
W6		So for outside no one is responsible
RA		And inside?
W1		If they come here, it is our responsibility from outside
RA	00.32.40	So who, in terms of environmental health, who does the work inside here?
W6		Nobody
Chorus		Nobody is
W6		City Council does rubbish

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RA		Environmental health?
		Lots of comments dog program ...
	00.33.06	So I'm hearing three things about health. There is an issue about dialysis people waiting at the gate. I'm hearing an issue with this clinic not being Section 100 you said and therefore might be some people missing out on health services and I'm hearing a big question about environmental health internally about how that all gets done
W		When you look at houses and everything
RA		And houses are part of it
W		Houses and alcohol. Everybody in the area there not their own agenda. They not talking to each other. Housing talk about house, schools got their own agenda
RA		So they all do their business separate
W1		They are all talking amongst each other. They should be talking together not separate. Bagot has got its own organisation they should be talking with council. You can't have them separate
RA		That coordination of services is not happening
W6	00.34.08	That mob is dysfunctional not us mob
W1		I agree. That is what is stopping this community. They're the ones who should be with talking with each other except ... <i>Man's voice over the top</i>
W1	00.34.30	They got no communication amongst each other to these organisations.
W6		When we think about house ... We have not car and the services that government have here for families. We know for a fact that when they come collect us for the hospital ... community is for free ... There's no service. We need to talk about housing, people need housing because what if we stay here. What sort of example in that. Family need housing here in community, in Darwin ... inaudible if not at home they come back and so housing mob was trying to get a place for staying. <i>Many voices inaudible</i> So there is a ... hostel. I don't think they got a hospital ... Majority of clients who are in hostels are need for house. There's not enough building there for that mob. There's not enough room over there at the hospital. That's why the community got to deal with all that mob that entire mob when they come from remote. There's no access for them outside or no group
W		A P?

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	00.36.10	Your family you know. When they come they come to you.
Many voices		Hostel or ... they stay here
		What I'm hearing, I'm hearing that there is a lack of hostel are full in relation to health and other matters so you need something around here, visitor accommodation
		That's it
RA		From outside
W6		But if you have hostel to deal with
RA		So there is another group of .... So this one is a big problem for you?
		<i>Inaudible</i>
RA		So at the moment they end up going into some people's houses and
W6		Then our clinics and our
RA		Get overwhelmed
W6		If they need to go to hospital. We're not, we're not ... And lack of funding allocated ... staff everything We're ... improved, health and wellbeing. We need to get our health services, service delivery
RA		The number of people coming puts pressure on your health service. As well ...
W		Its happening everywhere. Interstate mob come here
W		Not only outside mob
W		Other people too get funded this mob but you know we service Aboriginal people. I reckon for our health here a lack of funding health service and communication break down between all the agencies
RA	00.38.34	Which is that one about the coordination of services where the communication isn't working. So one section is working by itself, not talking to the other section so they're not connected
W1		That what I was saying in the beginning. Different organisations. They're not communicating at all. That what I said before.
W6		We need to pass onto the report. You need to look at the Non Indigenous mob, what have they achieved you know to give us a start ... if they can come up with something different then they review four years later. Do they even take any notice and you know they get independent people to review everything. Does the government take notice of the review? They just go ahead and make up you know the

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		policy
W	00.39.25	Their own things
W6		They shake them up, another layer, but the same thing but different name
RA		So what would make a real difference?
		I think that the government are the ones with answers. You don't
		We don't, we just get anything
	00.39.51	They make up all the for the Aboriginal people
		Because you know they 've been recommended ... with the government report that was in 09 But I don't know, have they practised any of it? We don't know.
RA		There is a number of things that have happened, the racial Discrimination Act has come back again
W6		But they have changed it in 09 too for the future. And next year will they change it again? Different government, are they going to go ahead? You want change for Indigenous people for. ... Different year same thing
W		It stays the same
W6		And all of us have had enough and that's good
W		Same same
W		... they're just making it up as they go along
W6	00.40.51	And the people that do make the changes, they don't live in the community, they live over there in the big town over there, Canberra. They don't know what it's like to live in community and yet they've got the cheek to change it.
W1		They don' even visit us listen to the story, those big people there in Canberra. Do they come here and talk to us? No they send people like you to come and talk for them
W		And how many communities...
W1		How dare they make the rulings for us in Canberra!
M		Yes, bludger
W6		So much money has been put towards, you know, employing people to help... but there for you know... cant take it and then we get a new person. They have to get trust again ... because they cant deal with us. They've got to keep on dealing with us
W	00.41.48	Meeting and meeting

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Chorus		<i>General talk again</i>
RA		Lets take some things from that: trust is really important when you are dealing with one person constantly and working with them
W		We do too
W6		We've got to have their trust too
RA		Yes absolutely
W		To move forward
RA		Exactly, I know
W		We want balance both ways, same policy
RA		So that conversation and that trust needs to be build between government and
W6		Yes but what can stop that person from quitting from that community ... that answer that problem back to community, what are we doing wrong or is their something the government is doing wrong
		Red tape. There's a limit in my case
		If you are asking me personally , tis not working. I'd say we are not having an honest conversation. Not an not an honest conversation enough
		Because as soon as us mob agree with Council mob. If we know
	44.01	We feel we live in two worlds
		There's us and them
	44.57	I want to ask a question. It's a hard question, how can we both take a leap of faith so that we can work together on the future
	45.05	Well its up to this government.
		It starts with a leap of faith

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	45.10	This government is making the ruling for us
		Its question of
		I mean we are giving you .. all the time when we have this Intervention. We are giving you all the information. Now what is this government now gonna do for us?
RA	45.30	So that's a leap of faith
W1		You are making the ruling. We don't get anything like I said so, you know , what is true factor of this Intervention? Is it the land that we live on? It has to be. If they want to achieve anything else and growing this place
RA	00.45.52	I'm hearing two things. One is a leap of faith and the question I'm asking. Your statement is very much about unequal relationships
W1		That's right
RA		Governments telling you and you being the guineapigs in the relationship
M		Yeah that's right
	00.46.09	So part of the leap of faith is a more equal conversation. That's ...
W1		What do you call equal opportunity for us? What do you call it?
W		A kick in the guts ( <i>giggle</i> and then laughter )
W!	00.46.23	A kick in the guts from the Intervention
		<i>People moving around maybe cleaning up lunch things, conversation. One voice going on in the background but not very audible about economic development</i>
RA	00.47.30	The question now is about economic development
		<i>Lots of talk We want jobs employment for our people in Bagot for us and our children Training</i>
RA	00.48.23	So is there any training here at all? Or Not?
Chorus		There's none. There's absolutely nothing
W	00.48.29	There's something going through Ironbark <sup>7</sup>
		But nothing in the community
		They have to go out , out in the work. There's no job creation in the community

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<sup>7</sup> <http://www.ironbark.org.au/> A provider in Darwin

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		There's no employment opportunity here
	00.48.48	There's the GBM over there. What information has the GBM have for us?
		In regards to employment?
		<i>Lots of voices</i> at Ironbark they, depend on who and which
	00.49.12	Darwin, that mob that you get signed up with, they provide training. Depending on what type of training. They do like a training plan with you. The only other jobs I know are with the community .. that provides tenancy support its run by Larrakia Nation... Darwin Rental and its CDEP. And H's employed as the ? officer but there are not many jobs in the community . And the store was vacant. There were jobs there
	00.50.19	And there's the AARD program
	00.50.27	So how many people unemployed here?
M		A big mob
RA		A big mob unemployed
		So people are in training?
		They do training and then they drop off
RA	00.50.50	Those fellas doing OK?
		I don't really know
		Neither do I
M1		They got some people working outside, outside, but here ...
		<i>Conversations difficult to pick up, no direct answers</i>
RA	00.51.17	What about businesses. Business here?
RA		So the leadership program needs to recognise culture and
		They need to recognise our people
RA		Skills
		That what I want
	01.04.37	So the leadership program you did that didn't have that included
		No what we need, what we need
		Whiteman contact

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RA		We need the other side too,
W6	01.05.06	we need both to survive because also ... last year working with young people and got told, all the people got told about this shed (shit?) you know. This is your home, deal with it. Nobody teach them that life skills on how to live in a house or all this mob and alcohol
RA	01.05.20	So that whole thing has got to be designed properly
		But you know it make us mob angry, people grown up and experience the government telling us telling us we are responsible and yet they are hypocrites because they're the ones that done that and told each other about all these issues and they have the cheek to blame us mob, the Aboriginal people, instead of being proud of their people living on their country before they even came to live in this country and now they want for all of us mob to live. IN fact its all because of policy and managers and what they want
? sounds like official	1.06.02	Can I just raise the open day we usually have an open day for the community. A couple of years back we had an exhibition here with the education department ... we had exhibition with bands ...
RA	01.06.26	Can I just capture this really important point about leadership because I think it is a really, really important point These leadership programs are run about trying to encourage people into leadership positions but whats being said is that a lot of that doesn't recognise the role of elders, the skills and the richness of culture. They also needs to be a major part of that process and its part of the learning to be recognised. What I'm hearing is that school and education part. So it's the blending of those two things that will make it really strong ... you can then start to deal with everything as you get stronger leadership across the board. So thank you very much for that
W	01.07.13	And respect is really important
RA		Respect and how people deal with each other Than you very much . Ah is there anything else that you would like to talk about , knowing that we are going to have C and other around talking in other conversations ?
M ?	01.07.43	There is one thing that you spoke about healing. I know it goes back to when Prime Minister Kevin Rudd said 'sorry, sorry ' message. There's something came out of that. I think a statement was made that the healing process should now be involved. That healing process should happen two ways , two ... not just by our own people being healed but the government needs to be healed as well for that to happen .

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		It will have to take place so this Intervention will be clarified then that the healing process has taken that way. People knowing that they're going through a healing process, the government is, as well as them, that will make a lot of difference in where they come from and about the culture . The other important thing is the accepting by governments, accepting that Aboriginal people have to live by two cultures that satisfies the cultures, their own as well as the Western culture. Non-Indigenous people only got the one culture, white man way. But that is the other aspect of governance, accepting who we are as the first nation people of this country.
RA	01.09.14	Very right and I think what I am hearing and a lot of places that I think someone said here earlier that if you design one thing, one size fits all, its not going to work anywhere. There's so much diversity and richness of culture . The locals, the solutions are actually here not somewhere else
	01.09.33	There needs to be two way happening
RA		Two way. Yes I am hearing that very strongly today too So thank you very much
M		It should be everywhere that two way
RA		I'd like to thank really for this good conversation and I under been asking questions about that I haven't been able to answer today but we'll come back and get an answer as quickly as we can. Very much thank you for today
		Jenny Macklin
M		You bring her back here so we can talk to her
W		She is one rude lady
W	01.10.28	Really we need an apology from her
W6		I get up at early in the morning to come up and see them. I have to get my kids ready for school. Ignorant lady. Let us all the leaders go off to see her, you know and Prime Minister, and have the cheek to say they have a meeting. I'm not good enough for this community ....  She got up and proposed to the Prime Minister that she was going to the Cabinet meeting and didn't even apologise to us leaders, Aboriginal leaders there sitting and waiting for her as the Minister, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs. Didn't even apologise to us or tell us mob she was going off to the cabinet meeting. She just took the Prime Ministers ... and took off. It would be nice to get an apology from her ... and I

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		think we invite her to our community again and she came to Darwin and she didn't visit.
RA	01.11.30	Well I'm happy to go to talk to her directly and say that is the frustration that
W6		She did respond to say that she was going to visit
M1		Blackfellas at Bagot ...
GBM?		So hang on before everyone goes so from the notes that are typed up today I'll be bringing them back just to make sure it is a true thing you know of what you all said today. From there Richard, do you want to explain where the information goes.
RA		Yep The information as we write, type it up will go directly into governments. So we're not going to make any changes to it. It is exactly as you told us, straight into government for consideration of the next phase of the work in the Territory. I'm going to be saying as I go across the Territory there's are some real strong messages coming from communities and one of the key messages is I'm getting all the time is the conversations aren't happening enough
W6	01.12.27	And does B have a reference group for her group?
		B M ...
		Ah M
GBM		Sorry
		M? We want to talk to her as well
RA		I've be talking to her. She's been out on the trips with me as well and I'm going in to specifically talk to her
W^		I'm just wanting know to bring something to the table with her
RA		We are trying to work as hard as we can with Northern Territory Government
W6		With all the community in the Northern Territory or
RA		We're going to 72 communities and much more than that. We're going to different places wherever we can and also going back to communities too
W6		Outstations and townships?
RA	01.11.25	Maningrida said to me that I need to go to outstations. So I'll be going back to Maningrida
		Can you see difference in that from our area?
		Very strong, we're getting very strong messages about outstations

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RA		I'm getting very angry response from outstations so I know. So I'm going back out to Maningrida to have a look
W6		And how long will this take ?
RA		I'm in the Northern Territory til the end of August
		And sorry where're you from?
RA		I'm from Western Australia
GBM		State Manager from WA FAHCSIA
		I've spent the last six or seven years in the Kimberly
	01.14.11	There's also a public meeting happening in Darwin, I think the 27 28 July Advertised in the paper and Ill have posters in the communities
	01.14.45	And review?

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