



# PAMA FUTURES



## EMPOWERMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AGENDA

to close the gap on Indigenous disparity in Cape York peninsula

# THE TIME IS RIGHT.

There is now an historic opportunity to bring together Land Rights, Empowerment and Economic Development as part of one cohesive reform agenda—Pama Futures. This is our chance to cut through the deep and persistent policy challenges faced in our communities every day.



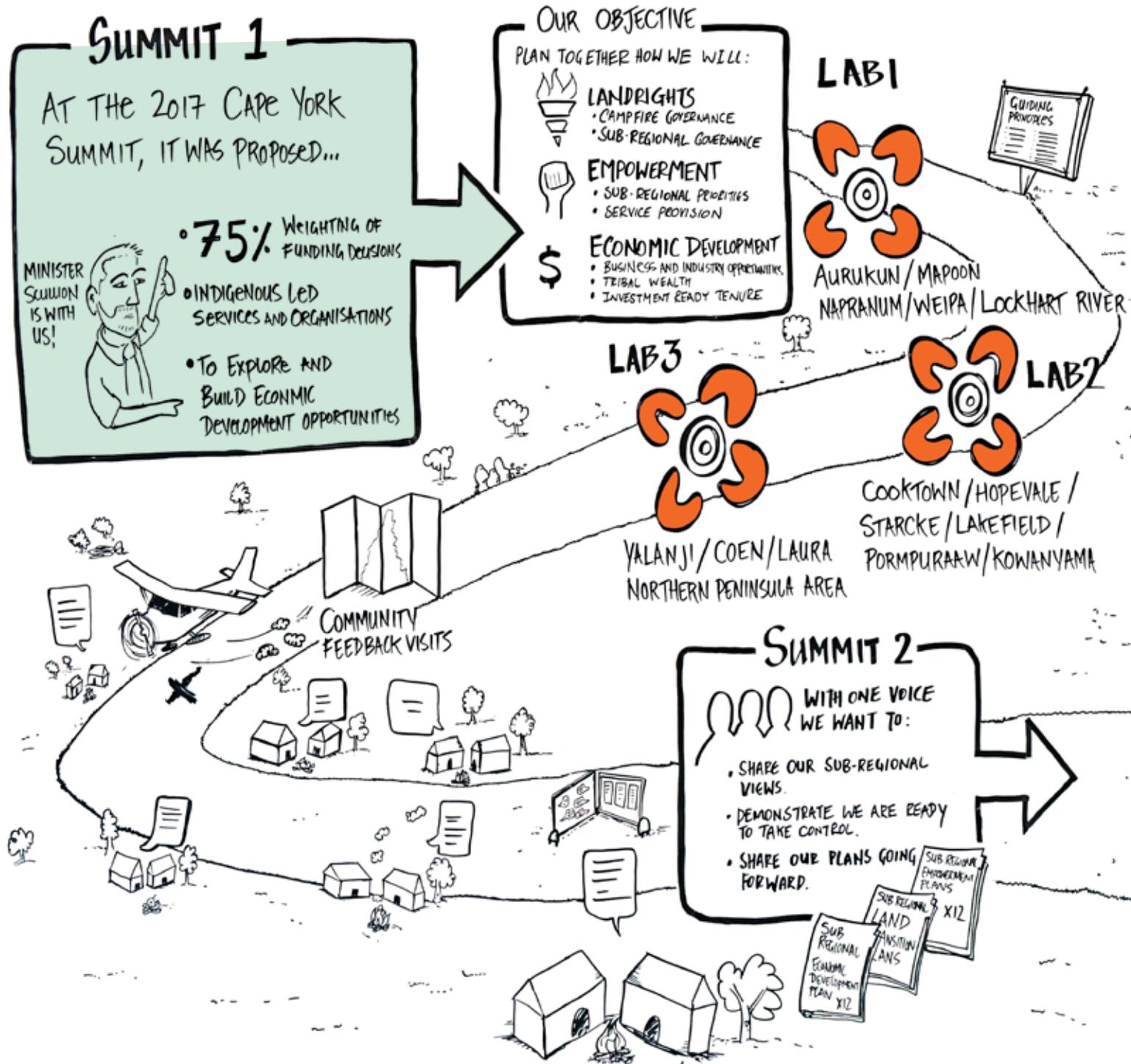
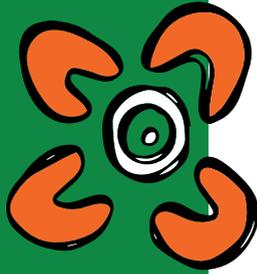
# WE HAVE THE GOVERNMENT ON OUR SIDE

We took the idea of a reform agenda for a post-land claims future for Cape York to Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs. He agreed with us. He urged that Land Rights should not be considered in isolation—we should also include Empowerment and Economic Development.



# THE PAMA FUTURES JOURNEY

Over the past six months, over 800 people from Cape York's First Nations have participated in an extensive and rigorous planning process to develop Pama Futures. At the Palm Cove Summit, more than 400 Cape York Traditional Owners agreed to propositions that now are the foundation of Pama Futures.

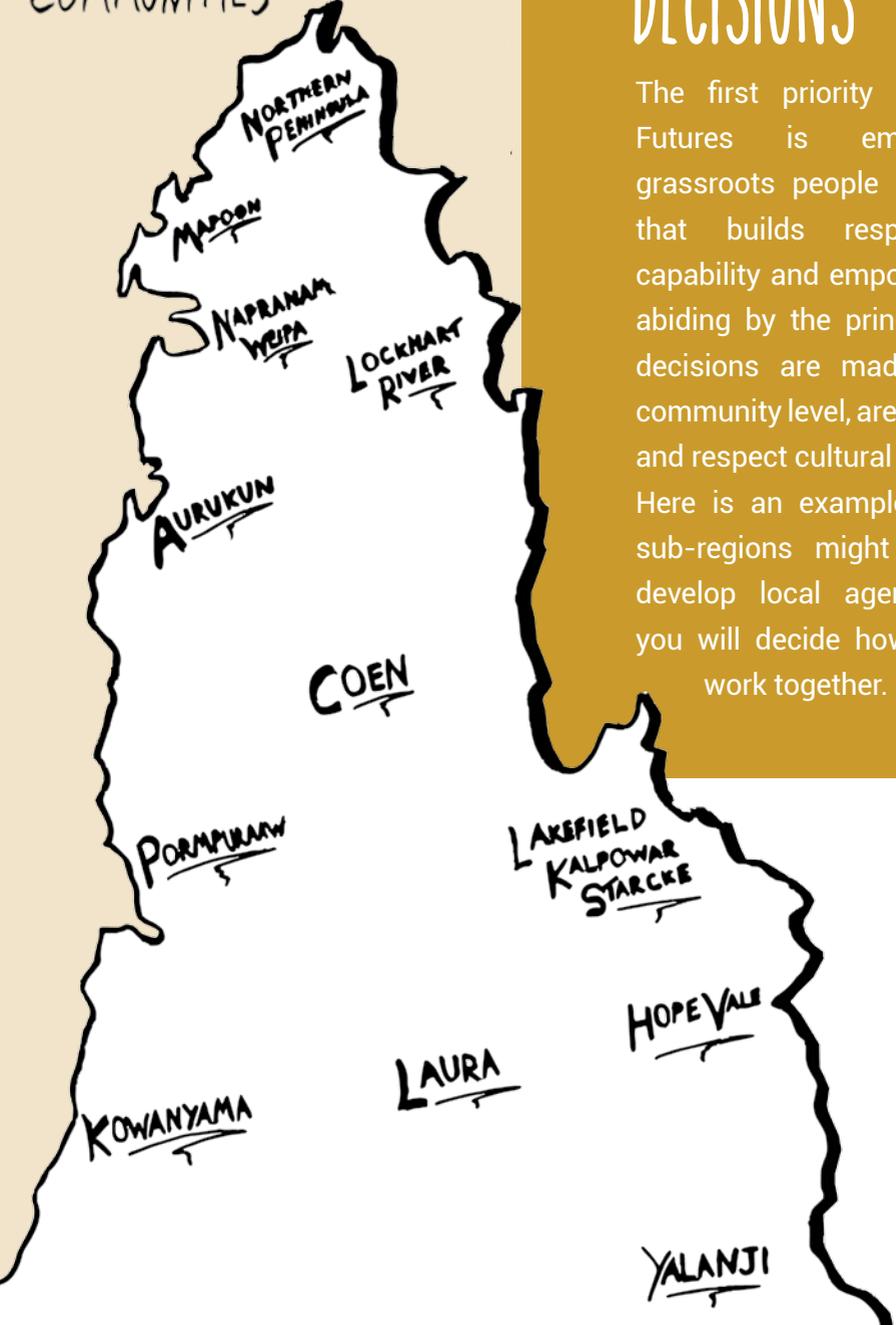


A SUBREGIONAL GOVERNANCE MODEL WILL CENTRE ON EXISTING COMMUNITIES

# YOU MAKE THE DECISIONS



The first priority of Pama Futures is empowering grassroots people in a way that builds responsibility, capability and empowerment, abiding by the principle that decisions are made at the community level, are inclusive, and respect cultural authority. Here is an example of how sub-regions might form to develop local agendas—but you will decide how best to work together.



## THE NEXT SIX MONTHS

### LAND RIGHTS REFORMS

*We will build our decision-making up from families and tribes sitting around campfires in their communities, up to sub-regions and then for the whole of Cape York.*

We need to develop sub-regional Land Rights plans, including a stocktake of various land tenures and native title, and of various land holding organisations. Together we will consider plans that will strengthen grassroots governance.

### EMPOWERMENT REFORMS

*We want to deliver services ourselves, with a staged transition of control, understanding that service delivery alone will not empower our people – that we must build our economic, social and cultural capital.*

We need to develop sub-regional Empowerment plans which will form the basis of decision-making, negotiations and agreement about investment and service delivery with governments.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REFORMS

*We will make our land ready for investment, in ways that are in keeping with our culture.*

Each sub-region needs to identify existing aspirations and opportunities for economic development.

