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Nulungu Talking Heads Seminar Series

Aboriginal Empowerment - Development - Productivity Empowered Communities: Empowered Peoples

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Marty Sibosado is a Baard/Yawuru man with 25 years voluntary experience in the Kimberley Aboriginal advocacy space. He will talk about the background, principles and design of the *Empowered Communities: Empowered Peoples Design Report* that was commissioned by, and delivered to, the Australian Government in March 2015 and the Kimberley's participation in this innovative approach to Indigenous Affairs policy reform.

Kimberley Aboriginal people have a long history of advocating for greater autonomy and self-determination. In the development of the *Empowered Communities: Empowered Peoples Design Report*, they collaborated with seven Aboriginal regions and their leadership from around Australia. This approach is unique and a first in the Indigenous policy arena. Empowered Communities is an original and wide-ranging approach, built on a policy model of Empowerment, Development and Productivity. It seeks to establish a roadmap to facilitate a fundamental overhaul of Indigenous Affairs policy and development; "All the programs in the world, and all the will, are failing to address the spiral of Indigenous disadvantage. Indigenous leaders of reform realise that nothing short of a radical paradigm shift in Australian Indigenous affairs policy will bridge the wide gap in opportunity between black and white Australians."

Marty will lead the audience through a contentious and challenging contemporary approach, designed by Aboriginal people, that seeks to dismantle current forces and mindsets buttressing existing Indigenous affairs policy.

Wednesday 29th April 2015, 12:30PM – 1:30PM Venue: Kailis Room, The University of Notre Dame Australia 88 Guy Street, Broome, Western Australia