

31 August 2018

Hon. Ben Wyatt MLA
Treasurer, Minister for Finance; Energy; Aboriginal Affairs
Dumas House
2 Havelock Street
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Dear Minister

RE: ADVOCACY FOR ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS – WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposal to create an office for the advocacy and accountability in Aboriginal Affairs in Western Australia.

The discussion paper was presented to Council at the ordinary meeting held on the 29 August 2018. At the meeting Council resolved [Res 276-18] as follows:

1. *Advise the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs the Hon. Ben Wyatt, MLA that Council supports the appointment of an advocate for Aboriginal people to provide an independent voice for Aboriginal people in relation to their interaction with the government on Policies and Government decisions that directly affect them; and*
2. *Make no comment on the proposed structure and resourcing of the organisation or its functions as these are matters for and the responsibility of the State Government.*

If you require further information please contact my Personal Assistant, Mrs Gaylene Godfrey on 9724 0306 or via email gaylene.godfrey@dardanup.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive Officer