

Below is my feedback in respect of the above Discussion Paper:

**An office for advocacy and accountability in Aboriginal affairs in WA; discussion paper Feedback:**

- If indigenous engagement is valued the discussion paper should replace the term Aboriginal with Indigenous.
- When portraying Indigenous statistical information it would be beneficial to ensure all data is approved by Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies to ensure it is appropriate and accurately reflects the situation and does not misrepresent or negatively impact Indigenous people.

**What are your views about this outline of the office's basic features?**

The overall structure appears appropriate.

**Does it miss anything important? Is anything included that shouldn't be?**

- The office should work within and adhere to Indigenous cultural lore.
- Once the office powers and functions are set in legislation it would then be beneficial to seek Indigenous input on how it will be operated.

**What Should be the formal name of the office?**

The title should be welcoming to Indigenous people and involve wide consultation. A title containing a word meaning shield or wing would be non-threatening.

**How should Aboriginal people and organisations be involved in the appointment process of the office-holder. Who should be involved?**

- To ensure effectiveness from the office, it would be essential to incorporate all Aboriginal cultural groups and cultural belief systems, creeds and genders or ensure it is run by an independent, respected Indigenous outside party. This would avoid bias and prejudice in my opinion.
- Jeremy Garlett, founder of Noongar Radio, would make a strong leader for appointment process as would Jonathan Mogridge, City of Swan.

**Sue Buck**