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Dear Sir/Madam

Aboriginal Policy Discussion Paper

Council have considered the discussion paper and, while supporting measures that will lead to increased accountability and better outcomes for the aboriginal community, has some concerns with the proposed introduction of a new statutory office.

The main concern is that the establishment of this office could add another layer of bureaucracy without there being any direct increase on life expectancy, improved health outcomes, reduced imprisonment rates, reduced unemployment, better educational outcomes, etc of aboriginal people.

The discussion paper mentions the establishment of offices in other states, similar to those proposed for Western Australia, without any evidence that these have made any real difference.

Before providing their support for any new proposal, Council would like to see evidence on how this will improve outcomes for the aboriginal people.

If you have any further questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours faithfully

Peter Crispin
Chief Executive Officer
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