

An office for advocacy and accountability in Aboriginal affairs – Submission

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Here are some Features that may be of assistance in terms of addressing nominees from WA Regional Centers to come to a consensus to agree to nominate an Aboriginal person to effectively and efficiently represent their people within their respective areas.

- Consult with Indigenous people (*to create an awareness of what the Government is considering to work with Aboriginal people throughout Western Australia*)
- Ensure that people who are nominated to address appropriate cultural selection criteria in particular, where our people are still in practice of our Lore and Culture, that these people have the authorization from their Elders.
- Many of our People will have relevant academic qualifications, however they must be able to engage with their Elders to seek endorsement of this concept of representation at the Government level. In addition, there are many of our People who have great knowledge in terms their “hands on” experience should also be considered as nominees
- In terms of existing Prescribed Body Corporation (PBC) and Aboriginal based Corporations, these Organizations require consultation to further support the notion of such recommended Panel that I see would work closely with the Commissioner and this is important when talking about the proposed notion of how this new Independent Aboriginal Affairs Body will seek good consultation through this Panel to address the new Reform of government service delivery

These are some ideas to consider, however please include this written form of where to and how to?

Look forward to hearing from you,
Kind regards