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## **Promoting Indigenous Opportunity**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs has launched an inquiry today into pathways and participation opportunities for Indigenous Australians in employment and business.

Committee Chair <u>Julian Leeser MP</u> said that Indigenous Australians often face tougher barriers when seeking employment or starting their own business.

'It is vital that we address this to ensure a more prosperous future for First Nations peoples,' Mr Leeser said.

The Committee will consult with a wide a range of stakeholders on proposals that will create better economic opportunities for Indigenous people.

'We will aim to speak with a range of stakeholders including First Nations people, Indigenous-owned enterprises, relevant peak organisations, as well as State and Federal policymakers and other people involved in employment services and small business lending,' Mr Leeser said.

For more information about the inquiry, including its terms of reference and instructions on making a submission, visit the committee's webpage.

## **Media inquiries**

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