



NEW INQUIRY

Good news on Indigenous employment

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Committee in the Federal Parliament is commencing a new inquiry into Indigenous employment with a difference.

Committee Chair Mr Barry Wakelin (Member for Grey, SA) says “We believe it will be valuable to look at the good work and successes of the communities that can show the way forward for our national Parliament”.

The Committee will look at the positive Indigenous employment outcomes in both regional and urban areas with a view to informing future policy development.

The inquiry will also seek to identify the significant factors that have contributed to these successes and what contribution practical reconciliation has made.

Mr Wakelin says “The inquiry will seek positive outcomes and best practice in Indigenous life around Australia; to understand the why and how and the where of these outcomes, and recommend for Government consideration, practical steps to support and encourage our total national community to stronger outcomes”.

Interested persons and organisations are invited to make written submissions to the inquiry by **6 May 2005**, after which the committee will hold public hearings and inspections.

Further details on the inquiry, including the complete terms of reference, background documents, and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the Committee’s website at www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/atsia or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4484 or emailing atsia.reps@aph.gov.au

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