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Dear Ms Scarlett

Re: Inquiry into Indigenous Employment

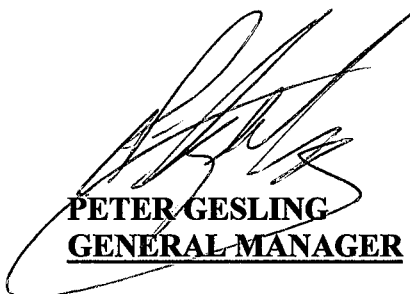
Thank you for your invitation to make a submission to the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs. After reviewing the terms of reference, Port Stephens Council does not have a particular project or initiatives at this stage that could be viewed as successful. We are in discussions with the Beacon Foundation who use their "Real Futures" model in conjunction with indigenous communities at Port Stephens.

A youth employment project has been scoped and is currently seeking support funding from the NSW State Government. It is Council's view that positive outcomes result from working with the host community and supporting their endeavours to achieve improved outcomes.

Through the Chairman of the Beacon Foundation, we are aware of the work done at Barker Creek community with Sinclair Knight as a consultant.

I look forward to ongoing review of your Committee's work and would look forward to commenting on any reports produced.

Yours faithfully



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GENERAL MANAGER

Cc: Bill Lawson, Beacon Foundation