

# Submission

to

Senate Employment, Workplace Relations and Education  
Legislation Committee

## **Inquiry into the Indigenous Education (Targeted Assistance) Amendment Bill 2005**

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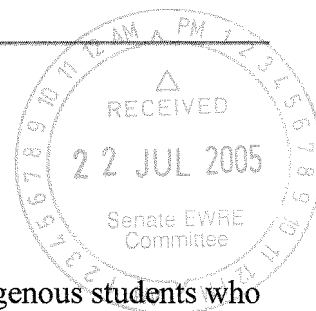
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While I strongly support 'additional funding to provide tutorial support to indigenous students who need to move away from remote communities to study.' I strongly object to the funding coming from existing programs that rely on that support for their success. Our Indigenous communities are struggling to survive in the best way they know how.

I have been impressed by their positive outlook and the contribution they are making to the youth in their communities and in turn the non-indigenous communities that share their country. All Australians can only benefit from improved education and opportunities for our indigenous brothers and sisters. We have much to learn from their cultural heritage and our combined standard of living is reliant on their improved education and standard of living. If there is a surplus in the budget there is money there to put into this valuable program without taking it away from other important projects for the Indigenous communities.

Sincerely  
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