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Mr Richard Marles MP
Chairman
Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
PO Box 6021 Parliament House
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Dear Mr Marles

INQUIRY INTO DEVELOPING INDIGENOUS ENTERPRISES

Thank you for your letter dated 25 June 2008 addressed to the Hon. Joe Helper MP, Minister for Small Business regarding the Inquiry into Developing Indigenous Enterprises (the Inquiry) conducted by the Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs. Your letter has been referred to me for consideration and a direct reply to you.

The Victorian Government has been actively involved in addressing Indigenous disadvantage through a whole of government suite of initiatives, including the establishment of the Koori Business Network (KBN). The KBN provides a range of business support programs to assist in the sustainable social and economic growth of Koori communities and businesses throughout Victoria. Representatives from the KBN have, in fact, attended the Melbourne public hearing and roundtable held on 14 July 2008.

The Small Business Ministerial Council (SBMC) is coordinating and consolidating views from all States and Territories on areas covered in the current Inquiry, many of which have been identified in earlier work by the SBMC as nation-wide.

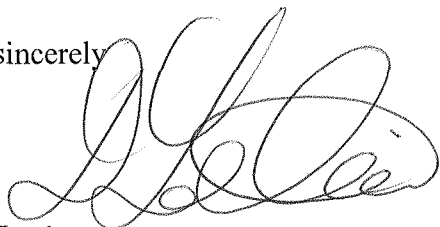
The Hon. Margaret Quirk MLA, the Western Australian Minister for Small Business is coordinating contributions from all jurisdictions and will convey these to the Inquiry in one submission.



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Once again, thank you for inviting Victoria to provide a submission to the Inquiry. If you wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact Allan Hong in Small Business Victoria, Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development, on (03) 9651 9827.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Latina', written in a cursive style.

David Latina
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