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Cheryl Scarlett
Secretary
Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
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Dear Ms Scarlett

Re: Inquiry into Indigenous Employment

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Inquiry into Indigenous Employment. Council has developed a Statement of Commitment to Indigenous Australians and is in the final stages of developing its Reconciliation Action Plan. The Action Plan identifies seven themes to be addressed, one of which is Employment and Economic Development.

The objective of the Employment and Economic development strategy is "to explore employment opportunities for the Indigenous community both within Council and the broader Stonnington community" and sets out a range of actions to facilitate it. The Plan also recommends the employment of an Indigenous Policy Officer in Year Two to advance program and policy developments at a strategic level.

At this time Council cannot contribute any examples of strategies that have improved employment outcomes for Indigenous Australians. However we wish you well with your Inquiry and would appreciate a copy of your findings.

Yours sincerely

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