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Committee Secretary
House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Committee,

Submission regarding food prices and food security in Remote Indigenous communities.

We are writing from the remote community of Pukatja (also known as Ernabella) in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Lands, South Australia. We feel the visual sample below describes what we are subjected to regarding food pricing. These are some of Anangu's favourite, staple food items.

Mai Wiru Pukatja Store, SA REMOTE COMMUNITY	Coles Manuka Store, ACT CANBERRA	
 <p>\$30.80 per kilo</p>	 <p>\$16.18 per kilo</p>	<p>90.35% increase for the remote community</p>
 <p>\$4.02 for 2 kilos</p>	 <p>\$1.80 for 2 kilos</p>	<p>123.33% increase for the remote community</p>

 <p>\$5.00 per dozen</p>	 <p>\$4.20 per dozen</p>	<p>19% increase for the remote community</p>
 <p>\$8.41 for 250 grams</p>	 <p>\$11.00 for 500grams \$5.50 for 250 grams</p>	<p>52.91% increase for the remote community</p>
 <p>\$6.30 for 150 grams</p>	 <p>\$3.50 for 150 grams</p>	<p>80.00% increase for the remote community</p>
 <p>\$19.00 per kilo (premium mince)</p>	 <p>Woolworths Grassfed Premium Beef Mince 500g \$8.00 \$16.00 / 1KG</p>	<p>18.75% increase for the remote community</p>

The above samples were taken simultaneously in Pukatja and Canberra on Saturday 16 June 2020.

It must also be noted from the 2016 Census in Pukatja (Ernabella), there were 412 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. The median weekly personal income for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in Pukatja (Ernabella) was \$269 and the median weekly household income was \$900.

Thank you for your time and please contact us if you require further information



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