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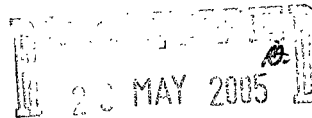
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Ms Cheryl Scarlett
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 Standing Committee On Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander Affairs
 House of Representatives
 Parliament House
 CANBERRA NSW 2600



BY: ATSLIA

Dear Cheryl

Gosford City Council has received correspondence from the above Inquiry seeking to identify positive outcomes and best practise in improving Indigenous employment.

As a first step in improving Indigenous employment, Council has recruited an Aboriginal Development Officer whose major task is to reinforce Council's Community Plan through introducing a number of strategies which are specific to the Indigenous community and will improve access by this community to all of Councils services.

The development of an Aboriginal Employment Strategy will be central to this process and access to Indigenous Employment support programs both at a state and Federal level is imperative to the success of this initiative.

Gosford City Council also has an Equal Employment Opportunity Management Plan which will support and enhance the proposed Aboriginal Employment Strategy.

Councillors and staff of Gosford City Council are looking forward to much greater interface with the LGA's Indigenous community and supporting a partnership approach to participation at all levels of Council.

Should you require further information on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Keith Hall, our Aboriginal Development Officer, on 02 4325 8904 at your convenience.

Yours sincerely


 Nic Pasternatsky
 Acting General Manager



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