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Dear Ms Scarlett

Inquiry into Indigenous Employment

Thank you for your invitation to make a submission to this inquiry.

The City of Onkaparinga, together with the City of Marion, City of Holdfast Bay, District Council of Yankalilla and the Kaurna Heritage Board have developed the draft Kaurna Tappa Iri Reconciliation Agreement. It is a very practical and implementable document that seeks to build confidence and capacity. The draft Agreement is in its final stages of community consultation after more than two years development.

One of the key elements of the Agreement is developing sustainable jobs for Aboriginal people, based initially on heritage knowledge as Kaurna's competitive advantage. To this end, the Kaurna Business and Heritage Centre has been established and is working in partnership with the Adelaide Indigenous Business Incubator and a range of private and public developers.

Council also supports the Neporendi Corporation which more generally works with State and Federal, government to create indigenous employment opportunities.

If you have further queries, please contact Mr Paul Tulloch, Manager Strategic Planning on (08) 8β84 0596 or pautul@onkaparinga.sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely .Vate left **Chief Executive Officer**

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