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Good morning

Yesterday I had the great pleasure of joining the Delegation visiting Parliament to encourage the establishment of an Australian Minority Supplier Council supported by Message Stick and the Minority Business Development Agency formed in the United States.

I was very glad to be a part of this historical push for Indigenous Economic Independence as it is an agenda I have had for several years. My work with the establishment and ongoing support to Indigenous Businesses and their Owners resulted in the establishment of the First fully Indigenous owned Chamber of Commerce in Australia a few years ago.

Mandurah Hunter Indigenous Business Chamber Inc is a not for profit Agency based in NSW and in a few short years has grown from strength to strength having 60 financial members to date and several Corporate Sponsors.

Our Chamber has been working to awards and achieving some inroads into the corporate sector in an effort to increase Indigenous Employment and Indigenous Enterprise Opportunities.

We specialise in Indigenous Mentoring Programs, Employment and engagement strategies and small business capacity building.

We are fully aware of the need to encourage strong Indigenous Enterprises which we see as an essential component in 'filling the gap'.

Please see attached documents which explain a little more about us. We have a proven viable model which can very much assist the Government's agenda to encourage and support Indigenous enterprise initiatives.

Our personal vision and needs which we would very much appreciate Government support for are:

An Indigenous Business Centre and Incubator from which we can continue to provide and grow our professional services including office space, training facilities and Incubator made up of both Office & Industrial spaces for local Indigenous Businesses to kick start their businesses in a supported environment.

Thank you for your time. We would very much appreciate any suggestions or support that you may offer to progress our vision.

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