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The Secretary
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Regional and Remote Indigenous Communities

We also noted the lack of clarity on our behalf about the accredited and non accredited courses, between which ones we have in hand, when that occurred, which are in the process of being achieved as part of our overall aims and which have existed for a longer time and may or may not be a part of the accredited courses.

Since 2002 LiFE Academy has had in place the accredited Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma, though we have offered those courses at non accredited status since 1989. Other non accredited courses were offered from 1984. They were always constructed to articulate to higher qualifications.

The Degree in Health Science (Mind-Body Medicine) was, (at time of evidence), 2 months from final accreditation and those with Certificate IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma will be able to be scaffolded through to the Degree level as they have been taking the necessary units to do this from the beginning of their education and training.

To create another scaffold at a lower educational level, one that will articulate through to all the higher levels, we are in the process of completing the Certificate I, II and III courses for accreditation.

The Degree is also going to be articulated to a Masters Degree and negotiations are under way with a University to formalise this. (we forgot to mention this interesting part of the framework at all in our evidence to the senators). This we feel will open the way to any level of education being possible for an individual wanting to go as far as they may wish.

We hope in this way to provide a clear and achievable pathway for Aboriginal people to come into positions of responsibility and leadership in their own and the wider Australian community while creating positive outcomes in health, education and training for individuals and communities. We hope this letter is helpful in clarifying these points.

Many thanks,

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For the WAITCH Project