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Subject: My submission regarding Indigenous issues

I would like to say that I believe taking away ATSIC and emerging the services into mainstream departments is not in the best interests for Indigenous people. I belive that self determination is the best way for Indigenous people.

Please be patient with our progress, after we have only been recognised as citizens for just over thirty years. We have alot to learn.

I believe that taking away self determination is a real move backwards for the Indigenous people of Australia.

Yours truly Valerie Macauley