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The Secretary
Senate Select Committee on the Administration
of Indigenous Affairs
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir/Madam ,

I write concerning the Committee's Inquiry on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2004.

To me it is essential for Indigenous people to be able to manage their own affairs and it seems to me that the likes of scrapping ATSIC and the return to mainstreaming services is an example of giving up too soon. Clearly there are lots of problems, exacerbated by the Indigenous people themselves not being homogenous.

Would it be feasible to engage a panel of people with appropriate professional experience AND a proven record of empathetic and creative interaction with Indigenous people to develop a proposal for the way forward?

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Blair Dixon'.

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