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It is essential that Imndigenous People have elected **representatives of their own race and culture to** represent them in the parliaments, governments, committees and all arms of government. The majority culture of Australia is so different to that of the indigenous people that decisions made for them by the government are invariably bad.

Health, Education and Welfare have been "mainstreamed" for years and **the resulta are nothing short of disastrous.** the government has demonstrated that they are incompetent to deal with these issues without the direct assistance and full agreement of Aboriginal representatives.

ATSIC musst be replaced with a body with the power to make policy, composed of indigenous people.representing the wishes of their people.

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