



Australian Government
Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations

Mr Owen Walsh
Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Legislation Committee
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Walsh

RE Inquiry into the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005.

As indicated during the Committee hearing on Tuesday 4 October 2005, please find attached additional information for the Committee's consideration.

The attachments respond to the written submissions and to issues raised during the hearing.

Attachment A is a copy of the Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal Corporations (ORAC) Yearbook 2003-2004. This contains further information highlighting the diversity of Indigenous corporations registered under the *Aboriginal Councils and Associations Act 1976* in support of the evidence provided by the Registrar during the hearing.

Attachment B is further information on the advantages that the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005 (CATSI Bill) provides to Indigenous corporations, in support of the evidence provided by the Registrar during the hearing.

Attachment C provides information clarifying the issues raised during the hearing regarding the transitional provisions that are currently being drafted.

Attachment D provides further information on reporting requirements through an overview of the proposed reporting requirements under the CATSI Bill in comparison with the reporting requirements under the current Act.

Attachment E provides further information on size classification through an overview of the possible size thresholds for determining whether Indigenous corporations are small, medium or large.

Finally, as indicated during the hearing, ORAC has responded to issues raised in the written submissions provided to the Committee. This response is Attachment F.

I hope this further information assists the Committee. ORAC welcomes comments or queries on the Bill or on any elements of ORAC's work from the Committee or from any other interested persons. These can be directed to Toni Matulick, Director, Legislative Reform (02 6212 2261 or toni.matulick@orac.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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