



PRIME MINISTER
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Dear Mr Forrest

Thank you for your letter requesting support for Generation One and its aim of linking relevant training to job offers for indigenous Australians.

I support the aims of Generation One and applaud the commitment of many Australian employers to providing employment opportunities to indigenous Australians.

The Australian Government has put in place a long term plan to reduce the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians.

This plan is being delivered through a wide range of measures including support for training and employment in many parts of the country.

As the Government has indicated to you previously, the Government is happy to give in principle support to this initiative provided it stands up to the rigorous scrutiny to which all policy proposals should be subject, to ensure effectiveness and value for money.

The Australian Government has undertaken to work with the Australian Employment Covenant to assess the viability of and potential for your proposal to provide the training and employment opportunities required to place Indigenous job seekers into sustainable employment.

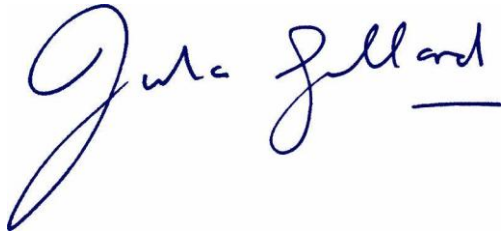
We are currently working with your organisation and employers based in the Pilbara to determine whether an Industry Vocational Training and Employment Centre (IVTEC) arrangement will meet their needs, as well as those of the local Indigenous population.

The Government welcomes Professor Shergold's involvement, and we would be delighted to work with him in assessing the appropriateness of the model you have put forward, as well as on future policy development.

If it proves to be a success, we would of course explore its expansion to other parts of the country.

Thank you for your support and determination. I look forward to continuing work in partnership with you to deliver real jobs and new opportunities for Indigenous Australians across the country.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julia Gillard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

Julia Gillard