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Mr Andrew Forrest
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Dear Mr Forrest

Ending Indigenous Disparity and Disadvantage

Thank you for your letter seeking the Australian Greens' position on addressing Indigenous disparity and disadvantage.

The Australian Greens have proud record of working with Indigenous communities to achieve equality of access to services and development opportunities.

The Greens believe that all Australians, including those living in remote communities, have an equal right to essential government services such as health, education, training, housing, community infrastructure, employment support, and policing. We advocate for the equality of outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on all major indicators of living standards, including employment, within a framework which acknowledges the diverse aspirations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

The Australian Greens' spokesperson on Indigenous Affairs, Senator Rachel Siewert, has been calling for a new approach to provide realistic employment options and work-ready skills through positive and constructive policies that are developed and implemented in conjunction with Indigenous communities and resourced to drive change in our communities.

The Australian Greens support further investigation of initiatives aimed at ensuring successful employment outcomes for Indigenous Australians, particularly the long-term unemployed. However, we are convinced that it is only with the active engagement of Indigenous communities that any such programs can be successfully developed and implemented.

Senator Siewert has also been active in questioning the Minister and DEEWR about implications for Indigenous job seekers from the new Job Services Australia framework. We are determined to ensure job service providers deliver appropriate and effective services.

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Please feel free to contact us if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

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