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Ms Michelle Andrews  
Director  
Aboriginal Policy Unit  
Department of Premier and Cabinet  
2 Havelock Street  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Ms Andrews

### **Aboriginal Advocacy and Accountability Submission**

Thank you for providing the opportunity to provide feedback on the 'Office for Advocacy and Accountability in Aboriginal Affairs in Western Australia' discussion paper.

The City of South Perth supports the proposed development of a new statutory office to strengthen government's accountability to Aboriginal Western Australians and to advocate for Aboriginal people's interests in government policy and performance.

The City is a leading local government authority regarding Aboriginal advocacy, which can be evidenced by the wide range of Aboriginal initiatives it supports within our community, including:

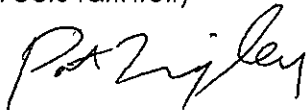
- Aboriginal Engagement Strategy;
- Reconciliation Action Plan (current project);
- Welcome to Country/Acknowledgment to Country protocols at all civic events;
- Facilitation of an Aboriginal Reference Group;
- Provision of community events that acknowledge and celebrate Aboriginal culture and heritage (e.g. NAIDOC Week, Reconciliation Week, public art projects);
- Staff cultural awareness training;
- Facilitation of culturally-appropriate targeted stakeholder consultation involving local Aboriginal community elders/leaders;
- Partnerships with local Aboriginal groups (e.g. Moorditch Keila); and
- Work opportunities for Aboriginal contractors/businesses.

The City trusts that a positive outcome will be derived from the discussion paper; and look forward to continued communication with the Department of Premier

and Cabinet about how the City can assist in optimizing Aboriginal Advocacy and Accountability into the future.

Should you have any further queries regarding this correspondence please contact me at the City.

Yours faithfully



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