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Ms Emily Roper  
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Dear Ms Roper *Emily,*

I refer to your correspondence received 16 January 2020 seeking feedback on the discussion paper *A Path Forward: Developing the Western Australian Government's Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy*.

The Department of Training and Workforce Development has been actively involved in the development of the strategy and provided detailed feedback during the consultation phase of the development of the discussion paper during 2019.

The Department funds a range of programs aimed at supporting Aboriginal people as a priority client group to access training and services. These include:

- the State-wide Jobs and Skills Centres;
- an Aboriginal Services Jobs Board to assist jobseekers find employment opportunities;
- an Aboriginal School-based Training Program for students in years 10 to 12 which aims to help them gain skills to keep studying or gain employment;
- incentives to support the employment of Aboriginal apprentices and trainees through the WA Group Training Program; and
- priority loadings under the Jobs and Skills WA Employer Incentive.

The Department supports the discussion paper. Should you require information on the Department's programs and services as the Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy progresses, please contact Ms Jodie Wallace Executive Director, Service Delivery by phone at 6551 5974 or [Jodie.wallace@dtwd.wa.gov.au](mailto:Jodie.wallace@dtwd.wa.gov.au)

I look forward to working with the Department of the Premier and Cabinet and other State Government agencies to implement the Western Australian Government's Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy to achieve positive outcomes for Aboriginal people across the State.

Yours sincerely

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DIRECTOR GENERAL

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