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Dear sir/madam,

I would like to offer the attached comments in regard to the above named State Government strategy document which asks in the first instance:

1 **Are the main ideas right?** economics and required activity thru CDEP" must be the first priority as wealthy people can be healthier people, without defining what wealth is! so long as people have regular activity and income they can contribute to a healthier happier life,

Cultural matters are private & personal responsibilities, can in some cases be used to get out! not into living! no other culture in this country requires a cultural application to succeed why is it required of us?

2 **Are we using the right words?** if they remain words and not deeds, outcomes or achievements they will just be words, following all the other failed strategies! "give Aboriginal people "power tools with the power source!to make it happen

3 **what else should we be thinking about?** depends on who WE is, govt or Aboriginal people, must be "our collective thoughts that matter not government" if its government thoughts! that suggests to me that govt have the answers! and they don't

For decades respective state and federal governments have produced strategies documents plans in abundance, related to a false premise of Aboriginal empowerment and progress without accepting that all along its been govt's interests that matter more than the client group, with, overrated goals and intentions, no different to all the others and ultimate failure.

The opening pages state that the strategy must be built around Aboriginal peoples views, priorities, voices and aspirations, while aware of "**Consultation Fatigue**" people affected by consultation fatigue are not interested in **talking further** about

their issues they want a **government of action!** and more importantly they want to be people of action getting things done! in keeping with their cultural heritage and life skills.

The strategy then goes on say that Aboriginal people **play "key roles" (only plays! key roles)** that would make "**consultation fatigued persons seethe**" as its more of the same medicine! to play around/along with the feelings of others is an insult to our collective intelligence and this strategy if its real and is to be believed. **MUST BE OWNED and CONTROLLED** by Aboriginal people with government assisting or its not real and consequently, unachievable!

I respectfully ask, is govt serious about empowering Aboriginal people or not if yes, let Aboriginal people at local levels own the strategy with govt support, after all the framework has all the required & statutory public funding guides attached to handling public funds the Goals - Principles - Governance - Accountability - be measurable - be evaluated - and then be reviewed. Govt are privately saying thru these types of programs that they are responsible for Aboriginal peoples success when in actual fact its the peoples responsibility not govt?

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