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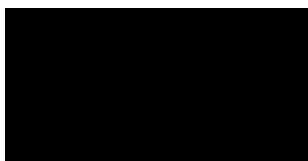
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Submission on the Closing the Gap Bill

I wish to express my support for the Closing the Gap Bill, and for the proposed amendment to ensure accountability rests with senior executives and statutory office holders, rather than junior staff.

The Bill is important because it embeds the Closing the Gap commitments into the daily decision-making of government, ensuring Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' needs and voices are central in policy, program, and service delivery. Holding senior leaders accountable will create the cultural change required across government to drive real outcomes, while also avoiding unreasonable conflicts of responsibility for junior employees.

I believe this amendment strengthens the Bill and gives it the best chance of being workable, effective, and supported by the Assembly. Passing this legislation will be an important step in delivering on our shared commitment to Closing the Gap.



Robyn Martin
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