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Good Morning,

I am in strong support of the proposed Closing the Gap Bill 2025.

My submission is supportive to CtG and this Bill will help make it accessible and accountable to see that decisions made consulting with our community a true mechanism that shows real progress and sincere commitment.

We see and hear in our community the failures, the lack of listening to what our community leaders, professionals and our community individuals are saying and experiencing in regard to the Gap getting worse.

We know our community issues and needs better than anyone, and this Bill will require real actions, accountability and a true working together to ensure we are all focussed to the tasks of Closing the Gaps of extreme disadvantage that we see every day in all corners of our community.

This Bill includes us at the table where decisions are made about our Aboriginal Torres Strait community members of the ACT and that they are followed through and actioned through transparency that we all see.

This is hard work for all of us, but it is much harder living with no to little voice to speak, and little to no improvements to improve living outcomes for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of the ACT.

This Bill will only strengthen trust and I am confident we will see that trust grow with the support of all the Members supporting the CtG Bill that's being introduced.

It includes and confirms that commitment with transparency and accountability that can do something truly amazing, working with our community to ensure improvements for our people are seen in combined efforts and the Government's continued commitment through our local Agreement Partnership through ATSIEB who are our combined partner and voice. Whilst also complimentary to the National Agreement on CtG.

This is a win win Bill for everyone that want to CtG, especially for the ones that are suffering because of the CtG's slow progress so far.

Kind Regards,
Paula McGrady

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