



To Whom it May Concern

I am writing in response to the public call for nominations.

I am committed to making a contribution to the Australian Governments Open Government National Action Plan, however, I only became aware of the initiative late yesterday (Wed 21 Jun) on the advice of a PM&C official, and applications closed today (Thurs 22 June). I request that you consider the following information and either accept this as an expression of interest or grant a short extension to allow me time to prepare a more comprehensive nomination.

I am a strong and well-rounded/experienced candidate who will make a valuable contribution to the Forum for the following reasons;

1. I am Aboriginal
2. I am the Chief Executive Officer of the nations largest civil society Aboriginal member based organisation (over 23,000 members) the NSW Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC).
3. I have over 20 years senior executive experience, in government and civil society. I possess a strong understanding of inter government relations, workings of government and public policy development. I have demonstrated experience and capacity to work effectively with peak bodies and key civil society bodies in Disability, Aged Care and Aboriginal Affairs.
4. The organisation that I lead proudly has a revenue source of over \$40Million annually (independent of government) from which we fund our Head Office and network of 120 local Aboriginal Land Councils across NSW. We work hard to maintain and grow our capacity to contribute financially and through strong advocacy to our communities prosperity, opportunity and future.
5. I am responsible for an aggregated network asset base that exceeds the value of some \$3.7 billion, land totalling over 127,000 hectares
6. I have experience in Aboriginal community development, public policy development and administration.
7. The strategic priorities that I am responsible for leading on behalf of our elected Council includes; Protecting Aboriginal Culture and Heritage, Acquiring and managing our land, Driving economic development, Supporting Aboriginal people and Securing Aboriginal people in NSW future.
8. I possess various qualifications including a Masters in Public Administration from ANU.
9. I am a Public Service Medal recipient – awarded for my work in Aboriginal Affairs (employment and economic development)

I would be pleased to expand on the above information. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

James Christian PSM
Chief Executive Officer



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