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Subject: Kalacc partial response to BIA discussion paper
Hello Elizabeth,

Thank you for your email of 27/3/06 Re the BIA program and the consultation meeting in Kununurra.

I was unable to make that meeting but did send through to you an email on 1/5/06 offering to place the topic on the agenda for Kalacc's meeting in Kununurra in May.

I am still not in a position to offer detailed feedback regarding the discussion paper and understand that you are probably well in to the process of writing the report.

However, can I enquire about the timeline and process?

- When will the consultation process be complete?
- When does the government intend implementing the programs?

In addition, can I make just a few brief observations.

Community telephones ¶ I see from the discussion paper that the provision of basic telephone services is the major priority and I certainly agree. However, from an organisational perspective I note that this program will suffice for normal interactions (social conversations and simple information transactions) but often people in communities rely on organisations to assist in matters like talking to their bank, talking to police, talking to prisons etc and rely on organisations to disseminate information (telephone messages or faxes) about funerals etc.

Broadband connection ¶ I know that this was not the focus of the discussion, but it seems a little unreal that video conferencing etc is being discussed when quite large towns like Fitzroy Crossing don't even have broadband (except via satellite).

Video Conferencing ¶ Kalacc would certainly welcome such initiatives. Kalacc is one of only a few pan-Kimberly organisations and our costs for meetings are horrendous, especially given the rise in fuel prices in recent years. Any opportunity to conduct meetings in ways other than face to face would be very welcomed. I should also note that some people believe that Kalacc already has such facilities and thus we are occasionally approached by other organisations and individuals asking to use our facilities. If such facilities become available in the future we would certainly be interested in having these ¶ both for our own purposes and for the broader community benefit.

Sorry I am not able to make a more timely or fulsome response.

Please let me know about your processes and timelines following the consultation process.

Regards

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