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INQ 16/2

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Dear Mr ~~Blunt~~ *David*

Re: State Development Committee Inquiry into Economic Development for Aboriginal Communities.

The NSW Government response to the report and recommendations of the above Inquiry is required by 30 March 2017.

The NSW Government has prioritised Aboriginal economic prosperity and takes the recommendations of this Committee very seriously.

The Committee itself noted the importance and complexity of this aspect of Government policy.

Due to the Christmas and New Year closure of Government Agencies and accompanying holiday period through January I write to seek your approval of a short extension to Monday 1st May 2017 for the Government response to be provided.

This request is not made lightly. It is in recognition of the importance of ensuring that all of the issues that impact on Aboriginal economic prosperity identified in the Report are able to be adequately considered.

I have raised this proposed extension with the Chair, The Hon Greg Pearce MLC, and he has not identified any concerns.

Should you wish to discuss this request, please contact my Chief of Staff, Kathy Rankin, on

Yours sincerely

Leslie Williams MP

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