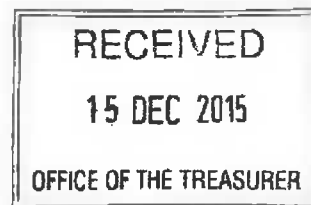


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MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

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Dear Minister *Curtis*

I am writing to inform you of my decision for the funding of Cape York Welfare Reform (CYWR) to Cape York Partnership (CYP) Group.

Given the current arrangements expire 31 December 2015, I have decided to offer a one year extension to CYP Group, with a clear milestone to reconsider the overall approach within six months. This would leave time to transition to new services from 1 January 2017, as needed.

While I was initially open to approving a two-year extension, I believe that there is an opportunity to improve the existing services and to ensure that the Commonwealth Government's investment is used to maximise outcomes for Indigenous people in the region.

The Commonwealth Government remains committed to working with all stakeholders to achieve outcomes for those living in the CYWR communities, and to tackle welfare dependence to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the region. A one year extension will provide an opportunity for the Commonwealth and Queensland government to align investment decisions, particularly in light of the Welfare Reform Investment Review your Department is undertaking.

I look forward to working on this with you.

Yours sincerely

NIGEL SCULLION

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