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Comments:

I would like to see a Young ATSIC formed, whereby persons are eligible to this group between the ages of 10/12 to 25, and of ATSI heritage/background.

Many persons in this age bracket are affected by legislation, but they do not have a specific forum which is addressing young murri's, kooris, and yolngu peoples issues and concerns about parliment decisions affecting both youth and ATSI communities.

By forming a distinct group for Young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, allows them to comment about many issues surrounding young people, and statistics show that ATSI persons are at high risks of many social and educational pitfalls. These young people may be able to shed some light on methods and long term projects and policies which will enhance their current political, social, educational and environmental status.

This idea is due to the fact the there are Young Liberal, and Young Labour groups which have access to decision making forums. Young ATSIC may serve as a feeder into these groups or create a pathway into politics for young ATSI persons.

Thanks Zelda