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Dear Ms. I.M. - Thanks for your letter - Your letter is received.

This communication represents feedback, although there is a lot off further input to my earlier letter on these matters.

Your information adds to my earlier view that direct opportunity for indigenous people input is needed but I always maintain if my two-zone two-tier proposal would ensure direct representation even in my tropical Zone, as this replaces and expands my earlier view.

Dedicated Seats are essential. In the past NSW election, as far as I went, the Legislative Assembly twenty-one seat block was preserved no indigenous people from a tiny party. Any person "should" be part of main political parties or individuals. Therefore the whole spectrum of indigenous, decent, dedicated and general seats and review after one decade's voting - in effect usually twelve years in the recent three years - tenure is in force, with total equality in both voting.

It is notable that local Govt is being progressively included. The majority of D.L.C. areas are now well off from where the Cook Shire is more than 100,000 square km is over-sized, anachronistic and sprung present day circumstances. Old has to be rightened and more than half the area of Tasmania's 68000 sq. km and even, Kuensha, Port General and Portland Roads, perhaps also Abelard & D'Or was need to be considerably modified for new Councils etc. The change may well be taken to include other voting needs in

setting up our people there and I will recommend such changes locally, the five so-called "phantoms" of Linton, Plus Gwia Townsville and Townsville & Bribie are where indigenous people mostly live. Even though Islanders have groups like in Townsville and Bribie and voting for them will help our people needs and enriches for this.

The concept of our indigenous Assembly division, fragmented, a mere corner of potential frustration and a disconnection in an un-emotional way of the presence of indigenous people in the Legislative Assembly. Town Strait seems to increasingly be similar to local Govt in the Orkneys and Shetlands which since the early 1970's have had large-scale Local Govt autonomy for their fewer than 20,000 citizens each.

Any dedicated indigenous seats will certainly provoke some non-indigenous free folk in an outcry. Decisive concrete signs of equality must be considered preferably to principles of respect, resource and rapport. This looks to be most likely with a minority of Members being elected by Proportional Representation (P.R.) as outlined below, in some recommendations. P.R. would make things better in Bribie, Thuringowa, Townsville and (Cairns) Councils voting less. In such a system, indigenous numbers will be small to ensure no representation but P.R. will ensure that more than one elected Councillor will need to sensibly reckon with indigenous people's views and interests. I recommend below. The future to project external processes - easier to sustain more recent processes - without contested fair play at community level will allow people to both indigenous and non-indigenous. As much electoral integration as possible will still disadvantage those recessing geographically. We can never fix the North, the mesophere efficiently, digitally & betterment for all of us is a must while we are this step forward in our still young state.

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1. Create at least three more Councils - Shire or such name and rest of Country to extend from Kimberley to Townsville. To such Council to have an area greater than 60000 km<sup>2</sup>
2. Change representation on the Legislative, Council Government and Finance Commissions to provide equal representation for the 3 Mayors/Select few Commissioners on the Mayors Select. The majority becomes 11 seats, the other three to become City Councils with equal status/power to single members. Create Representative Committee to represent Divisional Works. Within Council Chamber, a Deputy Mayor, selected. This will enable each divisional district to be represented.

The new Cape York Council to elect their Council similarly.  
State Govt. suggestions: C. Pitcairn eighty-nine seats.

1. Elect from Indigenous M.L.C. by Proportional Representation for the White State. This will avoid polarising, enable non-political representation with unaligned Member & independent Member from each quarter represented. This will not to have full equal voting rights, powers and benefits. Non-Indigenous will be needed for this, by agreed criteria.
2. Elect from P.P. Ward & Shire for two Zones mainly separated by the Esplanade River, forty-five seats being granted to the Shire House, forty-four from both of it also a Island in northern necessaries. This leaves seventy-seven seats; single-member, to be geographically, equally distributed within the whole state. Since in similar setting Palauans, why not use 3/4 from the Parliament to be an Unusual 89? A great reason for the two zone Zones is to remove rural areas from distant & distant & have better chance to see more of the P.P. Members. The State would be split in 89 existing seats on this. Roll on minor change and by no man's proposal. The consequence of this one that many persons in rural areas and indirectly being represented by non-resident. In this, ethnic interests will have all voters served by four representatives & the Indigenous voter will be guaranteed to hold at least one seat to the State with a present seatless system and P.P. Each non-existent seatability. This does parity has better equality. In the two form electing

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non-indigenous M.L.A. need to form non-indigenous Ball. This will further be concrete assurance to some groups of voters.

The above outlines possible differences for all. Everyone will be better off. The changes although profound are a lot less than suggested. There is something in it for mainstream political parties, and much smaller groups. The P.R. will offer all, better spread of representation than the bicameral system for each state for nearly half a century after Federation in 1901. For Puris taking up of virgin territories under Cost, which will attract attention, and make accountability easier which will enable some assertions continually.

It is condescending not to deprive indigenous people, not their wives (wives particularly), most local Govt. growth.

Where I suggest there be four P.R. Members could be fairly well served by three such P.R. Members. A benefit of this would be that after the three indigenous M.L.A., the two zones I propose would have forty-three seats each. In turn, these one M.L.A. for each zone is a concrete essential. No doubt many would prefer the consequent 80 eighty M.L.A. being better. More than P.R. Members would also avoid basing and promote a desirable choice situation.

Yours sincerely  
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