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Report recommends range of ideas to improve future for our community

The establishment of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander aged-care and respite facility in Canberra over the next five years is a key recommendation of a new report to be released today.

Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body Rod Little said 24 recommendations were put to the ACT Government as part of the body's Report on the Outcomes of the ATSEIB Hearings 2011.

Some of the key recommendations include: priority be given to the recruitment and career development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the preschool sector; and the establishment of a dedicated and financially sustainable Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander legal service.

"The report represents the outcomes of formal hearings conducted by ATSIEB with senior executives from all ACT Government Directorates," Mr Little said.

"The entire process assists ATSIEB to review the effectiveness and accessibility of ACT Government programs and services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

"Through the hearings and indeed the report, it provides an opportunity to reflect on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Justice Agreement and any progress made as well as put forward ideas to help lay the platform for an improve future for everyone in our community."

Mr Little is available for interview on 0427 776 800 (media enquiries only).