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Elected Body

PROTOCOLS FOR ENGAGEMENT WITH THE ACT ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER COMMUNITY

(Endorsed on 24 February 2012, see Decision on Agenda Item 7 of ATSIEB Meeting No.5/2011-12)

1. Members of the ATSIEB are elected by the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
2. ATSIEB has been established to represent Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in the ACT and to act as an advocate for their interests.
3. *Section 8 of the Act*, in particular *sections 8(a), (b), (c) and (d)*, provides the basis for ATSIEB to develop consultation arrangements to engage with the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
4. ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members can approach individual ATSIEB members about any concerns or issues they may have. The ATSIEB member must put issues on the agenda for ATSIEB, as a collective, to decide courses of action.
5. Individual ATSIEB members can consult with ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members on issues or concerns and report back to ATSIEB, as necessary.
6. ATSIEB will initiate forums for the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community at least 2 times a year, as required by the Act. ATSIEB members may also be approached by the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to arrange a public forum.
7. The forums will be arranged by the secretariat as advised by the Chair of ATSIEB.
8. ATSIEB will provide information to the community through a regular newsletter; website; media outlets; Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander networks; and through individual members' networks. All communiqués should be cleared by the Chair.