



**The Hon Terry Redman MLA
Minister for Regional Development; Lands;
Minister Assisting the Minister for State Development**

Our ref: 39-31048
Your ref: A504468

Hon Simon O'Brien MLC
Chairman
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Legislative Council
Parliament House
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr ~~O'Brien~~

PETITION NO 82 - FOOD SECURITY CAPACITY BUILDING PROJECT IN BROOME

Thank you for your letter dated 18 June 2015 regarding Petition No 82 - Food Security Capacity Building Project in Broome.

The Kimberley Development Commission (KDC) advised that Feed the Little Children Incorporated (FTLC) is well known and valued in the Broome Community. KDC also confirmed no funding requests have been received from FTLC in three years.

I am aware FTLC has recently concluded a 12 month pilot project with support from Lotterywest. As part of the Lotterywest support, operational funding was provided for the services of two staff members, leasing a van and renting a small office in Broome.

The Department of Regional Development (DRD) has reviewed FTLC's evaluation which indicates:

- FTLC has achieved positive improvements on juvenile crime offences committed on FTLC days in Broome.
- The health and education outcomes were difficult to assess from available data sources.
- FTLC services are required for reasons including - financial stress, family dysfunction, sickness in the family, grieving an immediate family member passing away and caring for other people's children.

The evaluation notes volunteers and external Aboriginal stakeholders are concerned FLTC services create dependency. Stakeholders indicate they believe some responsibility is being taken away from parents and FTLC would benefit from linkages to other organisations that are working with families.

It is recommended FTLC further explore local partnerships that will assist it to develop a viable and sustainable business model prior to submitting a proposal for State Government funding assistance, possibly via a Royalties for Regions business case.

If you require further assistance in regards to FTLC's petition, you may wish to make contact with Jenni Collard, Executive Director Business and Social Development, Department of Regional Development on telephone 6552 2079 or via email jenni.collard@drd.wa.gov.au.

KDC is also available to discuss a funding request or project structure aligned with the needs of the organisation and the local community. The most appropriate contact is Mr Timothy Bray, Director Regional Planning and Project Delivery on telephone 9194 3002 or via email tim.bray@kdc.wa.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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