

FirstChoice

EMPLOYMENT

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Dear Sir

**Applications for Authorisation by Job Futures Ltd
A91084, A91085, 25th March 2008**

I am writing in support of Job Futures applications for Authorisation and Interim Authorisation.

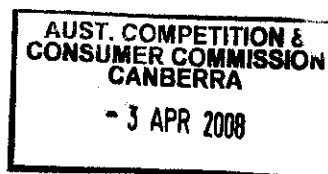
First Choice Employment is a community-based company established in 1998 by HillSide Church to provide employment services within the Perth metropolitan area. We are a not-for-profit company with Public Benevolent Institution status with the Australian Tax Office.

We provide a range of services aimed at assisting the unemployed people in the community into meaningful employment. The services include recruitment, advocacy, counselling, training, and establishing work experience opportunities. We also provide other welfare assistance including short term food relief.

Our offices are located in the metropolitan Perth suburbs of Forrestfield, East Perth, Thornlie, and Armadale and Geraldton in the Mid West region of Western Australia.

We have been members of Job Futures for the past eight years.

The market for government funded employment services is extremely competitive. The contractual and performance management arrangements that operate in the sector are complex and changing. Since its creation in 1998, it has become harder for small-medium size organisations to enter and retain a place in the market. Yet these organisations play



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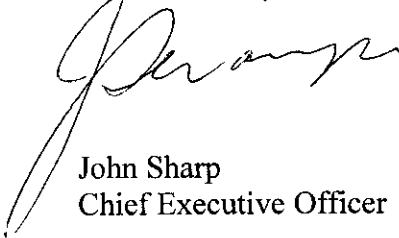
an important role in ensuring that services for disadvantaged people meet the specific needs of local communities.

First Choice Employment delivers a range of local programs and services to our community which are important to community well being and we have an established reputation for helping people who otherwise would not get assistance. We are able to link these initiatives with our employment programs, delivered as part of Job Futures.

Job Futures unique collaborative arrangement enables organisations like First Choice Employment to deliver quality services while retaining their local focus and identity. We are able to access shared resources through Job Futures and use their tendering support to obtain local service opportunities.

First Choice Employment supports this application for authorisation and believes that the continued operation of the Job Futures model contributes to a more diverse market for government funded employment services.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Sharp', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the left of the printed name and title.

John Sharp
Chief Executive Officer