

BRIDGING *the* GAP



Care Innovation Teamwork Challenge Empowerment

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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.

Bridging the Gap was established in 1984 as a means of offering support and guidance to members of the community seeking employment.

We are now able to offer a diverse range of services such as career development and guidance, job placement, personal development, computer training for the older persons, specific youth services for homeless young people and provision of a training venue in an operating plant nursery. In addition we now offer young people an opportunity to spend 10 weeks in Sabah assisting community organizations and developing personally.

We service over 1500 people each year through these programs and initiatives.

We are a western Australia not for profit organization with our Head Office located in Rockingham, Western Australia with offices in Kwinana, Fremantle, Geraldton and Carnarvon. Our Community Nursery is in Casuarina and as well as assisting in the environmental field offers a training venue and courses in a more amenable environment.

Bridging the Gap Inc has been a member of Job Futures since February 1998.

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 – particularly in Job Network.

Rockingham Kwinana Fremantle Geraldton Carnarvon

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

My organisation delivers a range of local programs and services to our community which are important to community well being through a Learning Centre, Ngulla Community Nursery and computer awareness for seniors. 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 Bridging the Gap to deliver quality services while retaining their local focus and identity. We are able to access resources through Job Futures (like on line reporting tools, training and support) which, as a lone provider, we could not.

Bridging the Gap 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 'Colin Kerr', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Colin Kerr
Chief Executive