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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.

The Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation is:

- The representative body of the Larrakia People, the original inhabitants of the Greater Darwin region, established in 1992.
- We provide a range of services for both Larrakia and non-Larrakia Indigenous people including employment and training, conservation and land management, aged care services, enterprise development and services for the homeless and disadvantaged.
- We are a non-profit organisation with charitable status, based in Darwin. Our Headquarters is at 76 Dick Ward Dve, Coconut Grove and we have two other premises; at Casuarina and Palmerston.
- As well as our direct service provision, we are charged with the role of improving the economic, social and cultural status of the extended Larrakia families and, as such, we fulfil key responsibilities related to traditional lands, public awareness, government liaison and advocacy.

Larrakia nation Aboriginal Corporation has been a member of Job Futures since 2005.

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. Yet these

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

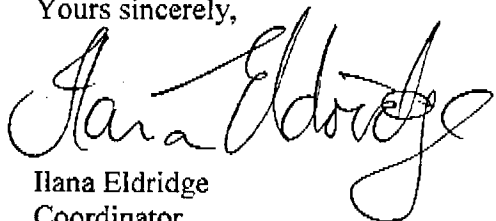
Our organisation delivers a range of local programs and services to our community which are important to community well being; for example, our support for the growing numbers of homeless Indigenous people in Darwin includes critical service delivery to alleviate the stigma, poverty and general lack of wellbeing amongst this client group. We are able to link these initiatives with our employment programs, delivered as part of Job Futures.

As a national provider, Job Futures is able to tender for and deliver programs that are national or Statewide. This enables organisations like ours to participate in delivery of these programs where otherwise we would not be able to do so. For example we deliver the Green Corps programme – which engages 17-20 year olds in environmental projects – under sub contract to Job Futures in our community. Job Futures Ltd is contracted to deliver this across NSW, ACT, NT and Queensland. We link this program to local youth

Job Futures unique collaborative arrangement enables organisations like the Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation 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.

Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation 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,



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