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Reply to Objection from Peter

Thanks for expressing your opinion.

Both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people are welcome to join our proposed Party. In addition non Indigenous members fill important roles in the Party such as Education Spokesperson or Media Adviser.

Our Indigenous people were the first people in Australia and their issues should be represented in the parliaments of Australia. We want to see more Indigenous people elected to the parliaments of Australia and Indigenous issues taken seriously. Indigenous people are 5 times more likely to commit suicide and over 10 times more likely to end up in jail. Indigenous life expectancy is considerably lower.

Indigenous people are a small minority of the population, consequently their issues tend to recede at election time. We hope to reverse this and get better representation of Indigenous people in the parliaments across Australia. There have only ever been 2 Aboriginal people elected to the Australian House of Representatives. There only have been 42 Aboriginal people elected to any Australian parliament, the first being Neville Bonner in 1971. Remember, there have been thousands of non-Indigenous people, elected to the various parliaments in Australia, in same time frame.

Finally, we don't believe that your objections fall within Sections 126 or 129 of the electoral act.

Hope this helps

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