



Premier of Western Australia

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Dear Ms Hywood

RESOLUTIONS OF THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

Thank you for your letters of 28 September 2017 regarding the resolutions of the Seventeenth Session of the General Synod held in Maroochydore.

Resolutions regarding First Nation's Voice (R28/17), Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Environmental Issues (R29/17) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community Issues (R24/17) have been forwarded to the Hon Ben Wyatt MLA, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, for his information. Your resolution regarding Domestic Violence in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (R23/17) has been forwarded to the Hon Simone McGurk MLA, Minister for the Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence. Minister McGurk is also considering Resolution R45/17 with regard to Working with Children Check systems.

On matters regarding Resolution R21/17 (Safer Ministry), like you, the State Government is committed to the wellbeing and safety of children and young people in institutional settings. We will carefully consider the Royal Commission's final recommendations, scheduled for release in December 2017, and provide a measured and appropriate response in due course.

With regard to Resolution R63/17, Parliament has recently established the cross party *Joint Select Committee on End of Life Choices* to examine the matter of assisted dying, as well as the important role of Palliative Care. The Committee has now called for submissions and will host public hearings, which will enable all views to be heard.

The community expects us to examine this issue carefully and respectfully, and I believe a Parliamentary process such as this can achieve that. I have forwarded your resolution to the Chair, Ms Amber-Jade Sanderson MLA, for her noting.

I share your deep concern on many of these matters. The State Government is actively exploring programs in consultation with communities throughout Western Australia to achieve improvement in these areas, and I appreciate your support.

Thank you for taking the time to forward me the resolutions of the Seventeenth Session.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark McGowan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark McGowan MLA
PREMIER

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