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Delivering for Circular Head indigenous community

The Coalition Government is investing \$647,726 to deliver employment engagement, alcohol and other drug, youth mental health and cultural education services in Circular Head.

Minister for Indigenous Affairs Nigel Scullion said that everything the Coalition had delivered since coming to office was delivered in partnership with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and designed to help close the gap in disadvantage between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians.

“We have ensured that the priorities and needs of Indigenous communities have been at the centre of the Coalition Government’s \$5 billion Indigenous Advancement Strategy (IAS).

“Importantly, 60% of the organisations we are funding are Indigenous organisations, compared to only 30% at the start of the IAS. We are committed to this because we know Indigenous organisations are best placed to deliver these services and are more likely to employ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

Liberal Senator for Tasmania Richard Colbeck said the three grants to Circular Head Aboriginal Corporation (CHAC) would deliver important services for people in the local area.

“The Community Capacity Building Project delivers \$120,000 to encourage employment engagement and participation among indigenous people in Circular Head, as well as cultural education for the next generation.

“The Reduced Substance Misuse and Harm Project will deliver alcohol and other drug awareness, education, referral and support services.

“The Health, Wellbeing and Resilience Project will provide intervention and prevention of mental health issues for indigenous young people between the age of 12 and 24, particularly those affected by domestic violence.”

Liberal Candidate for Braddon Gavin Pearce welcomed the support for the Circular Head indigenous community.

“CHAC are real leaders in our community and do excellent work serving indigenous people in Circular Head, particularly on their youth, and alcohol and other drug services.

“Young people are our community’s greatest assets and we stand ready to provide them with job readiness, drug, health and education services when they need a helping hand.”

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