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SCULLION APPOINTMENT WELCOMED

The promotion of Country Liberals Senator Nigel Scullion to the Shadow Indigenous Affairs portfolio is good news for Aboriginal Territorians.

Opposition Indigenous Affairs spokesman Adam Giles said Senator Scullion would bring vast experience to the Shadow portfolio position.

He said it is significant the shadow Indigenous Affairs portfolio will be Senator Scullion’s sole portfolio responsibility.

“This highlights how seriously the Coalition takes Indigenous issues,” Mr Giles said.

“I understand this is the first time the Coalition has made Indigenous Affairs a stand-alone portfolio.

“The appointment suits Senator Scullion’s long-standing commitment to improving conditions for Aboriginal people.

“As an extremely hard-working Senator, he has travelled the length and breadth of the Territory over many years and has a broad understanding of the challenges faced by Aboriginal people.”

Mr Giles said Senator Scullion shared his frustration at Labor’s roll-back of the Howard Government’s intervention.

“As the Intervention report card showed, Labor has failed to attract more indigenous children to schools across the Territory and the health checks have virtually stalled,” Mr Giles said.

“I know Senator Scullion will hold the Rudd Government and Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin to account for dropping the ball on the intervention and Labor’s failure to deliver one house under SIHIP – despite more than $50million being spent.”

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