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Nominate for Indigenous Advisory Council

Minister for Indigenous Policy, Marion Scrymgour, is encouraging Indigenous Territorians to nominate for the new Indigenous Affairs Advisory Council to the Chief Minister.

Ms Scrymgour said the Council would provide advice and make recommendations regarding the implementation and further development of the Territory Government’s Closing the Gap package to address Indigenous disadvantage.

“We’re looking for people who have the skills, experience and leadership to build a better future for their children and their communities,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“We want Indigenous people from across the Territory to put their hands up, and to assist us in Closing the Gap.

“We are advertising across the Territory, and on the Northern Territory Government website – to make a difference please seriously consider nominating.

“The Territory Government has provided funding of $286 million for Closing the Gap, across a range of areas including health, education, housing, community safety, jobs and economic activity.

“We are also addressing child sex abuse, domestic violence, alcohol and drug abuse.”

The establishment of the Advisory Council is itself an initiative under the Closing the Gap package.

Up to 10 members will be appointed by the Minister for Indigenous Policy. The Indigenous Affairs Advisory Council will meet four times a year.
For a copy of the Terms of Reference go to http://www.action.nt.gov.au/
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