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Shire of Plantagenet  
Development Application – Southern Aboriginal Corporation  
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Email:

The Evaluation Panel  
Request for Tender – Great Southern Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre  
Mental Health Commission  
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Dear Shire of Plantagenet and the Mental Health Commission Evaluation Panel

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTHERN ABORIGINAL CORPORATION LED CONSORTIUM TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE THE GREAT SOUTHERN DRUG AND ALCOHOL REHABILITATION CENTRE**

I am writing on behalf of the Shire of Nannup to express our confidence in the Southern Aboriginal Corporation–led consortium to establish and operate the Great Southern Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre.

We understand that the Southern Aboriginal Corporation, as the lead agency, is partnering with Cyrenian House, who will contribute to the delivery of the new service by managing the clinical components of the program, with a clear commitment to building the Corporation's capacity in this area.

The Shire of Nannup has direct experience with the establishment and operation of regional alcohol and other drug services. In 2019, Cyrenian House officially opened the Nannup Therapeutic Community in our local area.

Since the service commenced operations over five years ago, we have consistently experienced Cyrenian House as a considerate local stakeholder that has positively contributed to local amenity, community life, and local businesses.

The service has built strong connections with the Council and residents, is well embedded in the community, and its representatives participate in key local events. We also note that the service supports the local economy through the purchasing of goods and services from local businesses.

We have experienced no incidents with the site over its years of operation. Cyrenian House has maintained and operated the site in a safe and responsible manner. The conduct of the organisation, and the standard to which residents and service workers maintain the property, has enhanced local amenity.

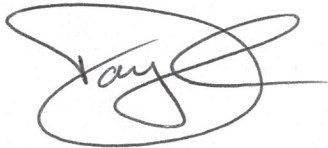


It is our understanding that the Southern Aboriginal Corporation is a leading and high-quality provider of diverse community services that support First Nations individuals and families throughout the Great Southern region of WA. With its strong foundation and established track record, the Southern Aboriginal Corporation is well placed to lead the establishment and operation of the Great Southern Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre.

Additionally, its supporting partner, Cyrenian House, is a highly regarded organisation with significant expertise and proven capacity in the delivery of alcohol and other drug rehabilitation services. Together, we are confident they will successfully deliver this vital new service for the Great Southern region, in a similar manner to what we have experienced in the South West.

If you require further information, please contact me by telephone: 9756 1018

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Taylor', enclosed within a large, loopy circular flourish.

**David Taylor**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

