

## Maranguka Community Hub



26<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to as the Executive Director of Maranguka Community Hub & Maranguka Just Reinvest Project. I write to express my support of Food Ladder application.

Maranguka translates as 'caring for others', we are an Aboriginal owned and run community organisation which acts as a hub for both individuals and service providers in Bourke. We are working with government and non-government organisations to develop a new accountability framework for addressing Aboriginal disadvantage.

Maranguka, and the organisations we work closely reside in Bourke with is classed as a rural community being a four drive to the closest traffic lights. Bourke has extreme summers with dry heat and droughts and water restrictions are considered normal living circumstances.

Bourke relies on produce being freighted into town, which at times isn't of the best quality.

Employment is restricted, and having a majority of community depending on welfare benefits, where the purchase of food and other house hold goods are quite expensive.

We consider there to be significant benefits from this project for the numerous community members in Bourke and surrounds by assisting to encourage healthy eating, more employment opportunities, which in return builds their self-esteem, gives pride in community and achievements. Also less cost involved making it more affordable and access-able.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 5834 7900 who would be happy to provide more information on request.

  
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