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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Joseph Elu clarifies his decision to resign from the National Indigenous Council**

*Canberra* – The Chairman of Indigenous Business Australia (IBA), Mr Joseph Elu today responded to recent media reports about his decision not to renew his appointment as a member of the National Indigenous Council (NIC).

Mr Elu wrote to The Hon Mal Brough, Minister for Families and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs in October this year resigning as a member of the NIC.

Mr Elu stated in the letter that 'it is with regret that due to increasing work loads at Indigenous Business Australia and the start up of Outback Stores, which will take up to two years to roll out, I will have to decline your offer to serve on the National Indigenous Council.

I have found the time I have served on the Council to be advantageous to Indigenous Development. I would like to thank you for the opportunity given to me'.

Mr Elu today stressed that his decision to resign from the NIC was based on increasing commitments to IBA and Outback Stores as Chairman, and maintaining his existing commitments as co-chair of Indigenous Community Volunteers, Chairman of his community of Seisia and as a member of the Torres Strait Regional Authority and for no other reason.

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