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**Western Sydney Community Forum strongly support
Yolngu Nations Assembly's Statement**

Western Sydney Community Forum strongly supports the Statement of the **Yolngu Nations Assembly's** Rejection of Stronger Futures Bill and their call on the Senate to discard these Bills in full.

Western Sydney Community Forum is a regional peak community-based organisation committed to social justice principles, meeting the needs of community groups and other relevant local and regional organisations for resourcing and representation to enable them to improve and maintain the quality of life for the residents of Western Sydney.

WSCF has a cross-regional membership of over 200 community-based organisations providing various services to families, youth, migrant and refugee communities, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. WSCF represent organisations working in the Local Government Areas of Auburn, Bankstown, Baulkham Hills, Blacktown, Blue Mountains, Camden, Campbelltown, Fairfield, Hawkesbury, Holroyd, Liverpool, Parramatta, Penrith and Wollondilly.

As an organisation committed to social justice principals, we are strong believers of equity, empowerment of communities and most importantly to the self-determined. We are strongly against punitive approach and bad social policies that harm communities and take a very long time to heal and re-establish sustainable respectful harmonious communities.

Western Sydney Community Forum respectfully and fully supports the Statement of the **Yolngu Nations Assembly** that calls on the Senate to discard the Stronger Futures Bill (and those associated).

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