Dear John (and Rebecca),

It was wonderful meeting you. Thank you very much for coming to adorable Adelaide and for your hospitality!

One emphasis I would like to add to my Inquiry statements, following a discussion with Mr Barry Haase after the hearing:

Billions of dollars have been spent on various failed health etc. programmes f or Aboriginal people. On the other hand, very few millions have been spent on language, inter alia because language reclamation is an extremely young enterp rise in Australia. We are talking about several years only.

Still, we have clear indications that the number of jailed Aboriginal people (cost ing the taxpayer hundreds of thousands dollars per individual per annnum) and the number of Aboriginal people needing mental and physical health assistance (costing the taxpayer tens of thousands follars per individual per annum) is reduced when a language reclamation takes place within an Aboriginal community.

I would urge the inquiry to recommend much more support for revival linguist ics andlanguage reclamation, as well as full scholarships (including subsist ence) to any Indigenous person interested in studying linguistics.

To be clear: Funding should be transferred from failed health programmes not only to successful language programmes but also to potentially successful o nes.

The taxpayer has given a chance to many failed enterprises in health etc. S/he now ought to give a chance to language programmes.

Finally: Language is at least as important as land. Native Title has been acknowledged. What about Native Tongue Title?

I would be happy to provide you with any further information or material that you may require.

Thank you very much for your time.

Warmest wishes, Ghil'ad

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