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Dear Member,

We regret to inform members that the National Centre for Indigenous Excellence (NCIE) will be closing. Fitness and Aquatics (gym and pool) will be closing permanently from 12 noon on the 8th of August 2022. A progressive wind down of other functions will occur through August and September.

Since its inception the NCIE site has been a hub for the community of Redfern. During this time, we have gathered, learnt, and grown as a community through things such as physical activity, health and wellbeing, and providing space to bring Indigenous and non-Indigenous community together.

You may be aware of the recent divestment of 180 George Street, Redfern to the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (NSWALC). At the time of divestment, we indicated that the Indigenous Land and Sea Corporation (ILSC) and NSWALC were continuing to negotiate terms for the transfer of NCIE Ltd to NSWALC.

Both parties have been negotiating in good faith before and since the property divestment, however terms for the planned ownership transition could not be agreed. This means that NSWALC will not be taking ownership of NCIE and consequently we have announced the business will be closed.

Despite this we are happy to say that the land on which NCIE is situated will remain in the hands of the Indigenous community under the control of the NSWALC. The property at 180 George St has been a place of significance to the Indigenous and non-Indigenous community of Redfern for many years, delivering community benefit through social, cultural and commercial programs. This is an exciting opportunity for NSWALC to continue to use this asset in the heart of Redfern to benefit local community and Indigenous peoples of NSW.

Thank you for your support over the years and we hope that this support will continue for the future work of NSWALC.

The NCIE Team