



The Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice, Fremantle Inc. advises its stakeholders and members of the public of recent developments

The Institute's principal funding source to date has been the generous support provided annually by the Oceania Province of the Christian Brothers. Unfortunately, the Oceania Province has advised the ERISJ Board that the Province is unable to provide financial support to the Institute after 30 June 2011.

We regret to advise our many supporters, clients, volunteers and other stakeholders that the **Edmund Rice Institute for Social Justice, Fremantle Inc.** will therefore cease to exist from 30 June 2011. All Institute commitments, grants, liabilities and partnership will be fully honoured and acquitted prior to that date.

The good news is that we are in negotiation with other organisations to try to ensure that as many of our programs and partnerships as possible are able to continue operating. As such, we have been working to identify organisations that may be able to take on the various programs we have been undertaking. It is premature to anticipate today the outcome of current discussions. However, we will certainly send you another communication as soon as we have more to report.

Suffice to say that we regard social justice as so important that our strong preference is that our programs continue in some form. Social justice values and causes truly matter. What's more, behind these programs are human beings: those who suffer and desperately need a more just world, and all those fine community members who have found in the ERISJ a vehicle for building their SJ skills, translating their commitment into shared social action and building their SJ networks and friendships. We are especially keen to support our partners – such as the vital *Cultural Corridors* project led by Aboriginal elders based at the ERISJ - to find new institutional homes.

We will update you when we have more to report. In the interim, may we convey our thanks - to the very many to whom we email this message - for your journey with us to date. It has been a great privilege for us. Again, thank you for your time, energy and friendship. We especially thank our staff, volunteers, Board members and donor individuals and organisations who have made it possible. We look forward to our next steps with you as we continue together, in one form or another, toward a more just world.

Sincerely yours

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