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LETTERS TO EDITOR

We need to turn statistics around

WHAT a totally negative letter from R Nancarrow of Boulder (Prevention the key, June 23).

Does anyone honestly believe that Aboriginal people want the distinction of the lowest life expectancy, highest infant mortality, highest unemployment and so on?

It's not going to be easy turning these statistics around but we must, and the best way to do it is together.

To do what R Nancarrow suggests, i.e. turn our backs on these problems, would be to accept a society of haves and have nots, forever.

There are plenty of examples where Aboriginal people have seized opportunities for employment, education and economic development that were presented to them, for the benefit of their own families and communities, and Australian society in general.

In this regard, the efforts of the Argyle diamond mining company in the Kimberley (employment) and Heron Resources here in the Goldfields (education) have been outstanding; as has the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder with its partnership initiatives with local Aboriginal people.

As one community (not as two, as R Nancarrow suggests) we must all continue working hard to achieve even more.

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