

WRECK BAY ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

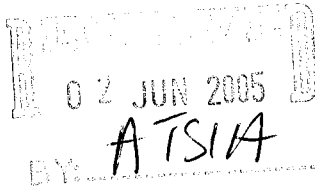
Phone: (02) 4442 1195

Fax : (02) 4442 1189

Administration Building

Wreck Bay Road

WRECK BAY 2540



Annette Brown
Community Liaison Officer
Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council.

Submission No. 91
Date Received 2-6-05

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find following, my submission to the New Inquiry into Indigenous Employment.

I apologise for the lateness of my submission and hope that you will consider my submission.

Background:

Wreck Bay is a small Village inside the Jervis Bay Territory, which is located on the south Coast of NSW; about 2.5 hr drive from Sydney and 3 hrs drive from Canberra.

Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council (WBACC) is an incorporated statutory body that was established by the *Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Act 1986*, and is in its eighteen year of operations having commenced in March 1987.

Land Ownership / Management:

The establishment of the Council under the Land Grant Act allowed for the granting of inalienable freehold title to 403 hectares of land in the Jervis Bay Territory to the WBACC in 1987. The Council solely manages the area of land.

In 1995, Booderee National Park (BNP) was handed back to Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council. The park is managed in accordance with joint management arrangements established by

legislation, the EPBC Act 1999 and Jervis Bay Territory Land Grant Act, and a 99-year lease between the Commonwealth Government through the Director of National Parks and WBACC. A Management Plan for the Park came into effect in 2002 for a period of 7 years.

The park is popular visitor destination with approximately 500,00 day visitors and 75,000 camper's nights per year. Visitor facilities include a visitor centre, 3 campgrounds, 6 picnic areas 17 amenities blocks.

Employment Issues:

A major outcome from the joint management arrangements between the Director and WBACC and in line the Wreck Bay Strategic Plan was the signing of a Service Agreement between the Director and Wreck Bay Enterprise Limited (WBEL) for the next 4 years.

This agreement secures exclusive contract work for WBACC's subsidiary company WBEL. Additional contract work and outsourcing of other functions managed by BNP maybe contracted to WBEL or another entity established by the Council.

The park is a significant employer of community members either through direct employment with the park or via employment opportunities through the outsourcing of services by the park.

In Summary:

I believe within the joint management framework there is further opportunity for the Council to continue the developing of necessary infra, management structure and capabilities building that will achieve positive social outcomes for both the Council and government.

Regards,

Annette Brown,
WBACC Community Liaison Officer.