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Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
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Attached is a brief outline of RVA and its vision. This description is in no way exclusive.

I would like to further expand on our relationship with the "In-Ja-Ghoondji Incorporated" body.

RVA and IJG are in the process of forming a joint venture in the field of Organic Waste Management and are in the process of its DA approval (RVA holds its own EPA license for this type of facility and are quite astounded that a 40 day DA approval for this type of operation is now in its 18th month) for the site at Nowra (Tomorong Quarry), which is owned by IJG. This facility will incorporate a large Vermiculture and thermophilic composting project, to break down the organics and turn them into a viable marketable soil enhancement product for retail and the broad acre markets.

RVA and IJG will, predominately use the labor resource which is IJG. When the project is up and running, we envision a workforce of approximately 15/20 people. Incorporating Machinery operators (light and heavy), laborers, admin and management, sales and marketing, quality control (QSIT), WHS/EEO and training.

I hope this is of help to you and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me,

Yours Faithfully



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Vision Statement:

“To be the best and most efficient producer of organic soil enhancers in Australia”

Mission Statement:

To take the resource that is organic waste, and value add to it utilising Vermiculture techniques and open air composting procedures to produce a superior range of environmentally friendly organic soil enhancement products.

To take these products and incorporate them into commercially sound agricultural projects, providing sustainable long-term employment and development programs for regional and indigenous communities.

To take these products and market them for domestic and primary industry use, thus providing growth and long-term employment in Regional Australia.

Company Description:

Regional Vermiculture Australia (RVA) was initially formed in Broken Hill in 1997 as a research and development project.

The business was set up as an opportunity to address the ongoing problem of youth employment and indigenous community self-sufficiency. To achieve this it would set up “Land Fill as a Resource”, within the guidelines of the EPA.

To do this RVA initiated a partnership with the Broken Hill City Council, at the city’s’ waste facility and an area was set aside for the research and development of a waste management facility, turning Green Waste and all organic material into a viable and saleable resource, using composting and vermiculture (commercial worm farming) techniques. This would create employment, a sustainable business and eradicate much of the problem of waste as landfill and its associated costs. RVA is a business strongly based on the principles of philanthropy, although to continue in this culture, has a firm and clear understanding it must seek profits.

The social impact on the community, so far, has been to increase awareness of the need for such a resource, from council level to the general community. It has also impacted on the participation in youth employment and training programmes and managed to “sell” the community, on many levels throughout the country, as being forward looking and environmentally responsible in waste management.

The project converts unwanted Green Waste & organic material into a saleable product, which has demand in both domestic and commercial markets. Not only is there revenue gathered via the disposal of the waste but also the product is passively manufactured into many grades of organic fertiliser/mulch.

RVA has developed worm breeding and farming techniques that enable the worms to produce an end product that is commercially viable when treating large volumes of organic material. This can occur within a 45-day cycle and the programme can currently handle up to 50,000 tonnes of waste/annum. RVA is potentially the largest vermiculture project of its type in Australia.

RVA Broken Hill has, after much R&D, set itself up as a model for other projects. This model is easily transportable to any part of the Country. It has been achieved by successfully completing a trial of the model during the past three years and has developed a Quality Assurance system, (ISO 9001) which will enable any and all communities to follow these procedures. RVA is in the process of seeking accreditation from ACO (Australian Certified Organics) and has approval for the use of the CSIRO Logo on its products.

RVA has so far formed partnerships with Broken Hill City Council, and relationships with Palmerston City Council, Tomerong Quarry (Nowra), EcoResearch, CSIRO and the Beacon foundation, as well as many Community Employment Programmes.

RVA is currently gearing up to take the project to the next phase. This entails the setting up of the RVA model at Tomerong Quarry Nowra, early in 2005. All ground work and research has been completed and RVA will be engaging a contract with NSW Waste Services to handle 50,000 cubic metres of Sydney metro's organic and green waste. RVA's Nowra resource recovery facility will also implement its employment development strategies at this facility.

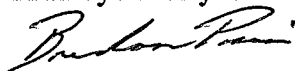
RVA visualises the site as a point of education and training for the wider school community. i.e. Ecology, Recycling, Waste Transportation, Business Systems, Quality Control, OH&S and Promotions and Marketing, as well as being scope for Scientific Analysis involving soil contaminant and nutrient levels.

The R & D stage of RVA has proved to be exceptionally successful with the granting of an EPA licence (12807) in DATE to continue this process and sell the resultant products.

RVA moved from the initial R & D (although R & D activity is continuing) into the production and sale of its product in July 2003. It is now apparent that for RVA to prove successful in the sales area expansion of their ready for sale product area must be achieved. To date RVA has been a self-funding organisation, RVA currently earns income through two major streams. It charges a fee for the dumping of landfill into its site and after processing, sells the outcome to the consumer market.

Please visit RVA's web site @ www.rva.net.au

Thank you for your time.



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