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20 July 2004

Mr Jonathan Curtis  
Committee Secretary  
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title and  
the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Curtis

Please find attached Rio Tinto's submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Land Fund Inquiry into Native Title Representative Bodies. I apologise for the lateness of submission, a result of consulting widely within the Rio Tinto Group. The submission represents the collective view of all Rio Tinto's Australian businesses, compiled from interviews and correspondence with some 20 Rio Tinto specialists and people working on a daily basis with NTRBs.

Please note that this version supersedes, with minor edits, the version emailed on Friday 16 July, 2004.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bruce Harvey". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Bruce Harvey  
chief advisor Aboriginal and Community Relations