

**TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF  
THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

This petition of the Executive Committee of Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council, on behalf of Wreck Bay Aboriginal Community Council ("WBACC")

draws to the attention of the House:

On 09 January, 1997; the then Chairman of WBACC wrote to the then Minister for Aboriginal Affairs requesting all remaining Crown Land within Jervis Bay Territory, which was not Aboriginal Land, be declared Aboriginal Land.

Council submits the appropriate Minister should declare all the remaining vacant Crown land which is not Aboriginal Land, to be Aboriginal Land. Council submits it has been in excess of sixteen years since the letter from the then Chairman was received by the then Minister and Council is of the view all the prerequisites have been met and all that is now required is for the appropriate Minister, by instrument in writing, to declare all the remaining vacant Crown land in the Jervis Bay Territory which is not Aboriginal Land is Aboriginal Land; in accordance with **Section 9 (1)** of the Act.

Council submits the House can address this matter as it falls within the legislative and / or administrative power of the House.

We therefore ask the House to:

Direct the appropriate Minister make a declaration pursuant to **Section 9 (1) (b)** of the *Aboriginal Land Grant (Jervis Bay Territory) Act 1986*.