

GUNDJEIHMI

ABORIGINAL CORPORATION



Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committees on Community Affairs
PO Box 6100
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600
Australia

Dear Sir / Madam,

RE: ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS & OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2013

The Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation represents the Mirarr Traditional Owners, being the Traditional Owners of the town of Jabiru.

On behalf of the Mirarr Traditional Owners, we confirm that the Aboriginal Land Rights and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2013, which deals with amendments affecting the town of Jabiru, has the support of the Mirarr Traditional Owners.

The Traditional Owners agree that these amendments arise from an agreement to resolve the Jabiru native title claim and understand that the amendments in this bill will give effect to the settlement agreement reached between the parties to the Jabiru native title claim. The Traditional Owners also agree that the amendments recognise their traditional ownership of Jabiru and also ensure that the land will remain within Kakadu National Park, and that its World Heritage listing status is not disrupted.

Until these amendments are passed, the town of Jabiru is an irregularity as it is the only part of the Mirarr Traditional Country that is not vested in the Kakadu Aboriginal Land Trust pursuant to the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*. The Mirarr regard this as an historical anomaly and welcome this being rectified by these arrangements.

For your information we have attached recent correspondence from the Chief Executive of Energy Resources of Australia which indicates that company's support for the bill and, more broadly, its support for the Mirarr position with respect to the future of Jabiru.

Yours sincerely,

David Vadiveloo
Executive Officer