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Senator Siewert asked:

Article 5.3.13 of the current Plan of Management states as an action: Cease operation of the Buffalo Farm when current management arrangements come to an end, and arrange for rehabilitation measures. Could you please describe what these 'current management arrangements' are and describe the history of oversight of the area?

Answer:

The Buffalo Farm was established and managed by the Gagadju Association in the early 1990's. The Northern Land Council on behalf of Traditional Owners became the approved and ongoing operator for the Buffalo Farm in 1999 via an exchange of correspondence with the then Director of National Parks. The Director of National Parks has not been advised of any proposed changes to the current management arrangements.