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Senator Siewert asked:

Are you aware of any business proposals put to Park Management by Aboriginal Corporations in the last twelve months? If so, what for?

Answer:

The following are examples of proposals put to Park Management the Board of Management in line with Plan of Management

- The Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation submitted a request to run the Bowali Cafe, establish a carbon project on Mirarr country and undertake a weed management program using their ranger group at 'the Old Protest Camp'. These business proposals have been evaluated by the Board and Parks Australia is implementing these decisions.
- Parks Australia is in discussions with the Djabiluka Aboriginal Association regarding an ongoing surveillance and cultural program in the East Alligator district. The Association will be funded to undertake surveillance at Ubirr, coordinate and run cultural activities and assist Parks staff with natural resource management programs.
- Parks Australia is working with the Jawoyn 'Three Clans Group' to help administer the 'Wurrk Carbon Project'. Through a collaborative agreement between the 'Three Clans Group' and Parks Australia, all revenue generated through the Carbon Project will be used to support Traditional Owner involvement in fire management planning and operational activities and generate employment for local Bininj/Mungguy.
- Agal Tours have submitted a proposal to the Kakadu Board of Management in line with the process outlined in the Plan of Management. The Board have given in-principle approval for park management to work with Agal Tours and assist with business development.
- Ayal Tours have submitted a proposal to the Kakadu Board of Management to expand their tour operations to include a cultural tour of a historic buffalo farm. Parks are assisting with business development including marketing and promotion.
- Parks Australia are working with Kakadu Billabong Safari Camp to assist with the development of a tourism 'precinct' plan for an area around the Patonga Homestead.