

Dear CEO, Chairman and Landtrust Organisation

We refer to the Australian Newspaper article on the 31 August 2013, "NT Proposes Lease Deal to Help Develop Tiwi Islands", Amos Aikman. We cannot express our shock and surprised at this news. As Traditional Owners of the areas proposed for development we have not been consulted.

We call on the Tiwi Land Council and Tiwi Land Trust to immediately call a meeting with the effected Traditional Owners of the area to understand our concerns. We request assistance and ask the Tiwi Land Council and Tiwi Land Trust to pay for independent legal and commercial advice.

We also request that the Tiwi Land Council and the Tiwi Land Trust provide us with copies of the following:

1. Your independent advice setting out the reasonableness of the proposed deal.
2. Your social impact report setting out the consultations and understanding of the impact this deal will have on the relevant traditional owners.
3. Your independent commercial advice.

Once we have received this information we will need the Tiwi Land Trust and/or the Tiwi Land Council to pay for our independent advice. We request a sum sufficient enough to enable us to obtain professional advice. After we have received this advice we will get back to you regarding any concerns.

We understand that you have a duty to ensure all the traditional owners affected by this proposed deal have consented. This proposed deal is so large it requires substantial traditional owner consultation. It is not a matter for the directors or the trustee to make this decision for or on behalf of the whole traditional family groups without proper consultation.

Yours Sincerely

Concerned Traditional Landowners

19 signatories

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