

**ONA 05 - Attachment**

**BIOGRAPHY - MR WALI WUNUNGMURRA  
NORTHERN AUSTRALIA LAND AND WATER TASKFORCE**

Mr Wali Wunungmurra is the Chair, Northern Land Council and a senior elder of the Dhalwangu Clan from the North East Arnhem Land. He lives in Yarrkala, but spends most of his time on his Homeland. Born and educated at Yirrkalá, he went on to spend three years at a bible college in Brisbane before returning home to assist the Yolngu Clans as an interpreter during the historic Gove Land Rights case in 1971.

Mr Wunungmurra has a long history in the struggle for land rights. He is a signatory of the Yirrkalá bark petition which was presented to the Australian Parliament in 1963 in response to granting of a mining lease on Yolngu clan at Nhulunbuy. The petition is one of the earliest claims to land rights and currently sits in Parliament House.

Mr Wunungmurra has a long involvement with community affairs, sitting on a number of boards in Yirrkalá and was instrumental in establishing the Miwatj Health and the then Miwatj Legal Service. Mr Wunungmurra has had a long association with the Northern Land Council having been a member of the Full Council several times over 20 years.