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SENATE SELECT COMMITTEES ON
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INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES
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To Mr Toni Matulick
Committie Secretary
Parliament House
Canberra

Dear Toni

Just referring to your letter regarding the inquiry into Regional and Remote Indigenous Community's in Far North Queensland Kaiadilt Aboriginal Corporation is located in the Gulf of Carpentaria in Queensland we have been incorporated since 1994 during this period of time we have been struggling to get ourselves together and try to get our Island up and running again and to find our identity again but it seems that the Government just gives us The cold shoulder actually it is not the Government in Canberra that gives us the cold shoulder it is the people in the Regional office's that don't give the people much help All they say to us that you don't have much people living on the Island for us to do anything for the Island.

It is very good for them to say that but the reason we don't have many people living here is that we do not have any accommodation for the people to live in
If only the Government would stop building homes on Mornington Island and give some of the homes to Bentinck Island for a change we would then have some accommodation for the people to look forward to coming back to live here.

Employment opportunities on Bentinck Island are very poor there is a lot of work to be done here but the Mornington Shire Council and the ICC at Mt Isa stopped the CDEP work here in the past years there use to be a lot of CDEP workers here on Bentinck Island working under the supervision of the manager but for some reason it has stopped we only hope that the CDEP work will start again.

Enterprise There has been talks for five years about starting up a Beach De Mer Acquaculture project here on Bentinck Island but the talks are still ongoing I think the reason for the delay is funding there are a lot of opportunities for other Enterprise here but we need the funding to start planning and when any of these projects start there will be Opportunities for employment on the Island the people will then be more than happy to work and live here.

The Kaiadilt people's wish in areas where more support is mainly needed is housing so the people could come back to their home land and carry out their customs and their culture Which is fading fast .

We would be very happy to meet with you and discuss the problems we are faced with in Our Communitie.

Please contact us on (07)47483154 Fax (07)47485629 if you would like more information.

Yours Sincerely

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Coordinator.

