

Section 47F

From: Section 47F
Sent: Thursday, 7 April 2016 12:06 PM
To: 'qldreg@fedcourt.gov.au'
Subject: Bigumbul People

To Hon Justice Reeves.

Re- Bigumbul Funds

I am writing to you on behalf of the Bigumbul People who have concerns regarding funds the Bigumbul people have received.

Has the current applicant has never held a General Meeting or has been contactable since they have been appointed. To this day the Bigumbul People have no information on what funds the Bigumbul people have received or what has been spent.

Lots of the Bigumbul People have applied for membership to the Bigumbul Corporation but has never receive any correspondence back.

It is also concerning that the current applicants have never had to do their geology or their connection to country.

This is some off the issue the Bigumbul People have with the current applicant .

If you would like to discuss these issues with the Bigumbul People please contact Section 47F on Section 47F who will organize it with the Bigumbul People.

Yours Faithfully

The Bigumbul People



Wayne Swan MP MEMBER FOR LILLEY



7th November 2016

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Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion
Minister for Indigenous Affairs
PO Box 6100
Senate
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Minister,

I write on behalf of my constituent,

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is a senior Bigambul and has raised his concerns with me regarding the Bigambul Native Title Claim and the Bigambul Corporation.

Regarding the Bigambul Native Title Claim, I understand and other Bigambul families are concerned that the current claim fails to properly include all eligible native title claimants.

According to there also exists concerns within the community about transparency and the subsequent use of funds provided to the Bigambul Corporation.

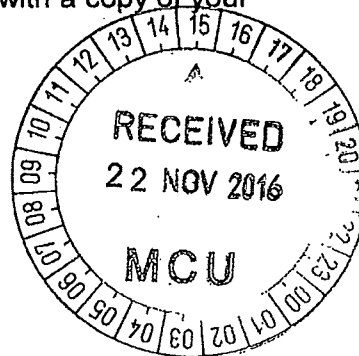
I've advised that I would draw concerns to your attention as Minister for Indigenous Affairs and I have therefore included copies of his correspondence for your reference.

I understand that these matters may have been raised with you previously and I request that you please respond directly to with a copy of your response to my office.

Yours sincerely,

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NOTICE OF BIGAMBUL PEOPLE'S NATIVE TITLE AUTHORISATION MEETING

The Applicants of the Bigambul Native Title Claim have called an authorisation meeting for the following purposes:

1. Approve an S87A order for a Determination of Native Title over the Bigambul native title claim.
2. Authorise an ILUA with Ergon Energy Corporation Limited over the Bigambul native claim area.
3. Authorise the following ILUA's with pastoralists: (maps of the ILUA area will be available at the meeting):

Name of ILUA	Pastoralist Party
Bigambul People/Hawesena ILUA	Darren Bruce Humphreys and Leanne Fiona Reutz
Bigambul People/Welltown ILUA	Robert Harold Morris and Elizabeth Reid Morris

4. Authorise Protected Area's ILUA with the State of Queensland over National Parks within the claim area.
5. Authorise a revenue sharing ILUA with the State of Queensland.
6. Authorise an ILUA with the Balonne Shire and the Western Downs, Goondiwindi and Toowoomba Regional Councils.
7. Authorise the Bigambul Native Title Aboriginal Corporation to hold Native Title in Trust for the Bigambul People at the Registered Prescribed Body Corporate from the date of the determination hearing.
8. Authorise a compensation claim for native title that has been extinguished over the Bigambul claim area.

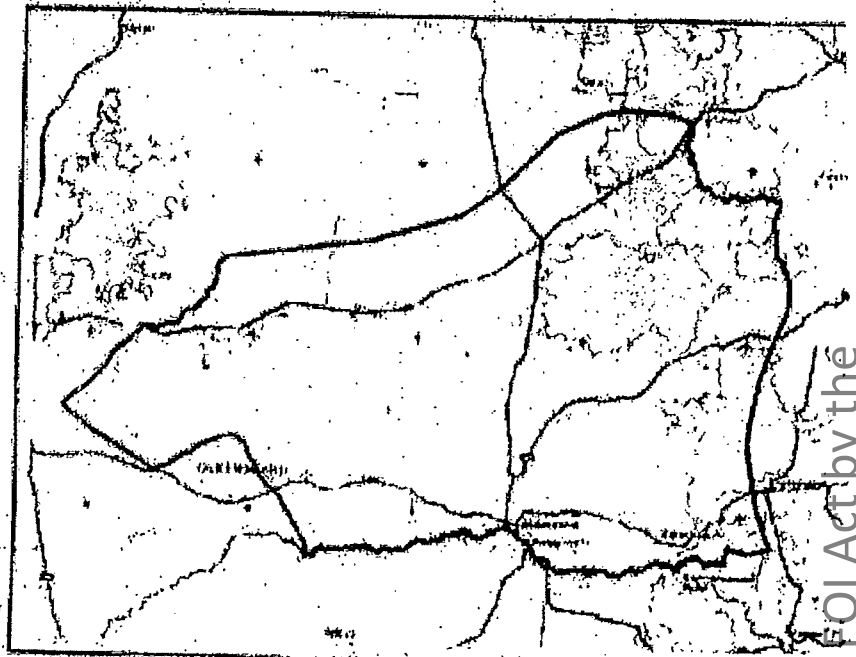
The arrangements for the meeting are as follows:

Date: Friday 9 September 2016

Time: 11.00 am to 5.00pm

Registration at 10.00am

Venue: Jack Martin Sports Centre
582-570 Antea Ave
Orayton Qld 4350



Bigambul Native Title Claim

Only the descendants of Nellie Yumbaina, Queen Susan of Welltown, Jack Noble, Sally Murray, Susan mother of Duncan Daniels and Jack and James Armstrong will be entitled to participate in the meeting.

To register for the meeting, call Kyle on 0432 087 212, or Shanka on 0413 976498 or email shoncorps06@gmail.com by Monday 5 September 2016.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided. No Travel Allowance or reimbursements for travel will be paid.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Section 22

Sent: Monday, 21 November 2016 2:42 PM

To: Section 47F

Cc: Section 22

Subject: RE: Bigambul invitation [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Section 47F

Thank you for your kind invite to the Native Title Determination Hearing for the Bigambul People.

Kindly note that I am pleased to accept your invite and look forward to seeing then.

Regards,

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Adviser

Darling Downs and South West Area

Indigenous Affairs Group

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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The Department acknowledges the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land, sea and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to their elders both past and present.

-----Original Message-----

From: Section 47F

Sent: Friday, 18 November 2016 9:48 AM

To: Section 22

Subject: Bigambul invitation

Hi Section 22

On behalf of the Bigambul people we would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to help us celebrate this historic event

Cheers

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MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Reference: MC16-092713

Section 47F

Dear

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I am writing to you about your objections with the Bigambul native title claim. The Federal Member for Lilley, the Hon Wayne Swan MP, wrote to me on your behalf on 7 November 2016 and asked that I respond directly to you.

I understand that on 1 December 2016, there was a determination of native title for the Bigambul People and that this was achieved by consent with other parties including the Queensland Government. As you have identified in supporting materials you sent to Mr Swan, the Bigambul claim was a privately run claim and not overseen by a Commonwealth Government-funded native title service provider for which my Department administers funding.

Given there has been a determination of native title for Bigambul People, the Prescribed Body Corporate and its legal representative would be the most appropriate vehicle to communicate with in relation to membership rules and conditions.

You have also raised concerns about management of the Bigambul Aboriginal Corporation. I take any concerns about the governance and financial management of organisations seriously. Strong governance and accountability are critical to ensuring delivery of high quality services and better outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

Complaints about the management of any Indigenous corporations or conduct of directors should be raised with the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC). The Registrar has advised that ORIC does not require a person to be a member of a corporation before considering a complaint about the corporation. ORIC's complaint line is 1800 622 431.

You may wish to consider raising your concerns about individual solicitors with the Queensland Legal Services Commission, which is responsible for investigating complaints regarding solicitors' services. The Commission can be contacted on 07 3406 7737 or 1300 655 754, or via email at lsc@lsc.qld.gov.au. Further information can be found on the Commission's website at www.lsc.qld.gov.au/complaints/how-to-make-a-complaint.

I have copied this response to Mr Swan for his information.

Yours sincerely

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NIGEL SCULLION

15/12/2016



Wayne Swan MP MEMBER FOR LILLEY



3rd April 2017

Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion
Minister for Indigenous Affairs
PO Box 6100
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Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

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Dear Minister,


I write further to you in relation to my letter of 7th of November last year on behalf of my constituent, Section 47F

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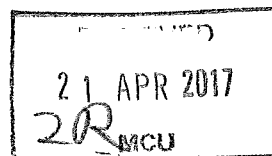
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MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Reference: MC17-037234

The Hon Wayne Swan MP
Member for Lilley
PO Box 182
NUNDAH QLD 4012

Dear Mr Swan *Wayne*

Thank you for your letter of 3 April 2017 on behalf of your constituent Section 47F

Your letter encloses a letter from Section 47F raising concerns about the Bigambul Corporation.

You previously provided me with a copy of Section 47F letter on 21 November 2016. My reply to Section 47F which was copied to you, is attached.

As I stated in this letter, given there has been a determination of native title for the Bigambul People, the Prescribed Body Corporate and its legal representative would be the most appropriate vehicle to communicate with in relation to membership rules and conditions.

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NIGEL SCULLION

NS / 5 / 2017

The Australian Minister for Indigenous Affairs

Senator the Hon. **Nigel Scullion**

Dear Minister Scullion,

My name is ^{Section 47F} [REDACTED] and I am a biological descendant of (2) two of the (6) Six Apical Ancestors of the Bigambul Native Title Claim Group, ^{Section 47F} [REDACTED]

^{Section 47F} [REDACTED]

On and around September 19, 2016, I along with my family group applied for membership of the Bigambul Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC. According to the Bigambul Rule Book ..\2016Bigambul\Consolidated Rule Book (3)[4].pdf forms were sent in the first instance to Attention: Lawyers Assistant ^{Section 47F} [REDACTED] as requested by ^{Section 47F} [REDACTED] of ^{Section 47G} [REDACTED]. In March 2018 the CEO Bigambul Limited ^{Section 47F} [REDACTED] was approached requesting contact details of the Secretary of Bigambul Limited. No response to this email was received however a family member managed to get the details and application for membership forms were email to The Secretary Bigambul Limited ^{Section 47F} [REDACTED] this second instance also met with no response even though we met the criteria according to both the 2006 & 2017 Bigambul Rule Books. Bigambul Rule Book (1).pdf

We have also attended meetings at our own expense and in good faith, with the view of a favourable outcome for all Bigambul People.

According to the Office of Registrar of Indigenous Corporation (O.R.I.C.) the Bigambul Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (ICN:8479) is listed as small company with seven directors listed as members.

There appears that any effort on our family group to be included and accepted as members have been met with silence. As time goes by (two years in this instance) I and those of my family group feel our rights and interests have not progressed as should be.

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National Indigenous Australians Agency

[BIGAMBUL ORIC\Exemption Meetings Outcome Letter - AGM Extension - Decline \(3\).pdf](#)

[BIGAMBUL ORIC\Change Rule Book Outcome Letter - Rejection \(3\).pdf](#)

With reference to the above two hyperlinks from the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporation concerns are now mounting as the Bigambul Native Title Aboriginal Corporation have had their request for the exemption of meetings declined by O.R.I. C. as they failed to meet the deadline.

A letter of rejection is also on the O.R.I.C. website regarding the Change of Bigambul Native Title Aboriginal Corporation Rule Book as the proper procedure or criteria had not been met by the corporation. On the same website Bigambul Native Title Aboriginal Corporation Financial Report shows a balance for income, expenditure, assets, liabilities and employees as zero, and has the Australian Taxation Office endorsed the status of the corporation as a deductible gift recipient fund (the selection is) no. This to me is a concern as in the past ILUA benefits have been received on behalf of the Bigambul Native Title Aboriginal Corporation

The membership criteria has been met by me and my family group for our rightful position of membership to Bigambul Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC this has in no way been afforded or supported.

O.R.I. C. Brisbane Regional Officer, Section 47F was contacted and a complaint lodged regarding this matter of our membership and a negative verbal response was given that as we are not members O.R.I.C. are unable to assist us in this or any business matters of the Bigambul Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC.

We need your support to investigate these matters fully on behalf of family members and myself and our children and the future generations of Bigambul People so that we can be a part of the decisions and direction to move forward in the future. Without your support we cannot gain our rightful position in relation to Bigambul Native Title in order for us to gain our rights of inclusion into and become a part of that success.

Bigambul Native Title Determination is because of our Apical Ancestors and our Grandmother

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Because of Her We Can.

Yours faithfully,

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My Details:

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