



Mr Michael Dodson  
Director  
Northern Land Council  
PO Box 42921  
CASUARINA NT 0811

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Dear Mr Dodson

Nominations for the appointment of members to the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust were received from the Northern Land Council on 12 January 1993.

In accordance with the wishes of the traditional owners, you requested under subsection 7(1A) that no chairman be appointed to the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust. The Minister has signed a determination that the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust not have a chairman and consist of 8 members. (see attached)

Members of the Land Trust have been appointed in accordance with that advice. A copy of the Instrument of Appointment is attached for your records. Members will be notified of their appointments by letter.

Yours sincerely

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s22(1)  
A/g Manager  
Land Rights Section

S February 1993

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) ACT 1976

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO A LAND TRUST

I, <sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted] Acting Assistant General Manager, Land Heritage and Environment Branch, pursuant to section 7 of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976, and the Minister's delegation of 14 September 1992, hereby appoint the following persons as members of the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust for a period of three years from the date of this instrument:

s47F [redacted]

Dated..... 3 February .....1993

<sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted]

.....  
A/g Assistant General Manager  
Land, Heritage and Environment Branch

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) ACT 1976

DETERMINATION

WHEREAS it is provided by sub-section 7(1A) of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 that where, on the application, in writing, of the Land Council for the area in which the land to be held by a Land Trust established, or about to be established, under section 4, is situated, being an application made after the commencement of this sub-section and before any person is appointed to be a member of that Land Trust, the Minister is satisfied that it is appropriate so to do, the Minister may, by writing under his hand, make, in respect of the Land Trust -

- (a) a determination that the Land Trust shall not have a Chairman but shall consist of such number of members, not being less than 3, as the Minister specifies in the determination; or
- (b) a determination that the Land Trust shall consist of a Chairman and 2 other members,

and, where a determination is so made in relation to a Land Trust, the Land Trust shall be constituted in accordance with the determination:

AND WHEREAS the Northern Land Council has applied in writing that the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust not have a Chairman, but consist of 8 members;

AND WHEREAS I am satisfied that it is appropriate to so determine;

NOW THEREFORE I, ROBERT EDWARD TICKNER, Minister of State for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, pursuant to sub-section 7(1A) of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976, hereby determine that the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust shall not have a Chairman but shall consist of 8 members.

Dated. *28th Jan* ..... 1993.....

*[Signature]*  
Minister of State for  
Aboriginal and Torres  
Strait Islander Affairs

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Mr Norman Fry  
Chief Executive Officer  
Northern Land Council  
PO Box 42921  
CASUARINA NT 0811

Dear Mr Fry

Nominations for the appointment of a chairperson and members to the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust were forwarded by the Northern Land Council on 1 December 2000.

Members of the Land Trust have been appointed in accordance with that advice. A copy of the Instrument of Appointment is attached for your records. Members have been notified of their appointments by letter.

Yours sincerely

s22(1)



s22(1)

Manager  
Land Rights Legislation and Program Unit

13 March 2001

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Mr <sup>s47F</sup> [REDACTED]  
Chairperson  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
C/- Northern Land Council  
PO Box 42921  
CASUARINA NT 0811

Dear Mr <sup>s47F</sup> [REDACTED]

Your nomination for appointment as Chairperson of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as Chairperson of the Trust has been approved for a period of three years from 26 February 2001.

May I take this opportunity to wish you success in your work on the Trust.

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup> [REDACTED]

<sup>s22(1)</sup> [REDACTED]

Manager  
Land Rights Legislation and Program Unit

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Ms <sup>s47F</sup> [REDACTED]  
Member  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
C/- Northern Land Council  
PO Box 42921  
CASUARINA NT 0811

Dear Ms <sup>s47F</sup> [REDACTED]

Your nomination for appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as a member of the Trust has been approved for a period of three years from 26 February 2001.

May I take this opportunity to wish you success in your work on the Trust.

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup> [REDACTED]

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Mr <sup>s47F</sup> [REDACTED]  
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Ms <sup>s47F</sup>  
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 Land Rights Legislation and Program Unit

13 March 2001

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Manager  
Native Title and Land Rights Centre

**Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust**

Nominations for the appointment of a chairperson and members to the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust were forwarded by the Northern Land Council on 1 December 2000.

On 7 July 2000 the Minister delegated all of his powers under section 7 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (the Act) to the occupant of position No.33 (Manager, Native Title and Land Rights Centre) within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission or to the person temporarily performing the duties of that position.

Under subsection 7(7) of the Act, a member of a Land Trust holds office for such period, not exceeding 3 years, as is specified in the instrument of appointment and on such terms and conditions as the Minister determines, but is eligible for re-appointment.

It is therefore recommended that you sign and date the attached Instrument of Appointment, thereby appointing the chairperson and members to the Land Trust as nominated.

s22(1)

s22(1)

Acting Manager  
Land Rights Legislation Section

22 February 2001

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) ACT 1976

APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS TO A LAND TRUST

I, <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted] Manager, Native Title and Land Rights Centre, pursuant to section 7 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, and the Minister's delegation of 7 July 2000, hereby appoint the following persons as members of the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust for a period of three years from the date of this instrument:

<sup>s47F</sup> [redacted] (Chairperson)  
<sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]

Dated 26 February 2001

<sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted]

Manager  
Native Title and Land Rights Centre

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**Australian Government**  
**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services**  
**Native Title and Land Rights Branch**

Our Ref: 2001/0567  
Your Ref: 97/0440

Mr Norman Fry  
Chief Executive Officer  
Northern Land Council  
PO Box 42921  
CASUARINA NT 0811

Dear Mr Fry

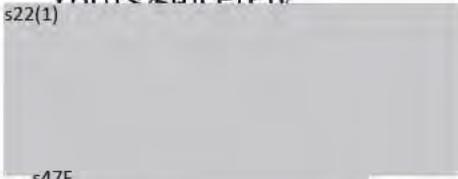
Nominations for the appointment of a Chair and members to the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust were forwarded by the Northern Land Council on 4 March 2004.

The Chair and members of the Land Trust have been appointed in accordance with that advice. A copy of the Instrument of Appointment is attached for your records.

The parties have been notified of their appointments by letter.

Yours sincerely

s22(1)



s47F

Manager  
Land Rights Legislation and Program Unit

29 March 2004

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**Australian Government**  
**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services**

**Native Title and Land Rights Branch**

Mr <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]  
Member  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
c/- Northern Land Council  
PO Box 42921  
CASUARINA NT 0811

Dear Mr <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]

Your nomination for appointment as Member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as Member of the Trust has been approved for a period of three years from 12 March 2004.

May I take this opportunity to wish you success in your work on the Trust.

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted]

<sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]

Manager  
Land Rights Legislation and Program Unit

29 March 2004

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**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services**

**Native Title and Land Rights Branch**

Ms <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]  
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Ms <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]  
Chair  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
c/- Northern Land Council  
PO Box 42921  
CASUARINA NT 0811

Dear Ms <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]

Your nomination for appointment as Chair of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

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Yours sincerely

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<sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]

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29 March 2004

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<sup>s47F</sup>  
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Land Rights Legislation and Program Unit

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**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services**

**Native Title and Land Rights Branch**

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Manager  
Land Rights Legislation and Program Unit

**Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust**

Nominations for the appointment of a Chair and members to the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust were forwarded by the Northern Land Council on 4 March 2004.

On 30 July 2003 the Minister delegated all of his powers under section 7 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (the Act) to the Manager, Land Rights Legislation and Program Unit within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services or to the person temporarily performing the duties of that Position.

Under subsection 7(7) of the Act, a member of a Land Trust holds office for such period, not exceeding 3 years, as is specified in the instrument of appointment and on such terms and conditions as the Minister determines, but is eligible for re-appointment.

It is therefore recommended that you sign and date the attached Instrument of Appointment, thereby appointing the Chair and members to the Land Trust as nominated.

§22(1)  
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Land Rights Legislation and Program Unit

9 March 2004

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**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

**ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) ACT 1976**

**APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR AND MEMBERS TO A LAND TRUST**

I, <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted] Manager, Land Rights Legislation and Program Unit, in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Services pursuant to section 7 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, and the Minister's delegation of 30 July 2003, hereby appoint the following persons as members of the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust for a period of three years from the date of this instrument:

<sup>s47F</sup> [redacted] (Chair)  
<sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]

Dated 12 March 2004

<sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted]

Manager  
Land Rights Legislation and Program Unit  
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
Services

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**Australian Government**

**Department of Families, Housing,  
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**

Our Ref: 2008/40  
Your Ref: 2006/0561

Mr Kim Hill  
Chief Executive Officer  
Northern Land Council  
GPO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mr Hill

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The parties have been notified of their appointments by letter.

Yours sincerely

s22(1)

s47F  
Deputy State Manager, Northern Territory  
Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

26 February 2009

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**Australian Government**

**Department of Families, Housing,  
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**

Mr <sup>s47F</sup>  
Member  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
c/- Northern Land Council  
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DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mr <sup>s47F</sup>

Your nomination for appointment as Member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as Member of the Trust has been approved for a period of five years from 24 February 2009.

May I take this opportunity to wish you success in your work on the Trust.

Yours sincerely

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<sup>s47F</sup>  
<sup>47F</sup>

Deputy State Manager, Northern Territory  
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*26* February 2009

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Ms [redacted]  
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**Department of Families, Housing,  
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Member  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
c/- Northern Land Council  
GPO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mr <sup>s47F</sup>

Your nomination for appointment as Member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as Member of the Trust has been approved for a period of five years from 24 February 2009.

May I take this opportunity to wish you success in your work on the Trust.

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup>

<sup>s47F</sup>

<sup>s47F</sup>

Deputy State Manager, Northern Territory  
Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

*26* February 2009

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**Department of Families, Housing,  
Community Services and Indigenous Affairs**

Deputy State Manager  
Northern Territory  
Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

**Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust**

Nominations for the appointment of a Chair and members to the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust were forwarded by the Northern Land Council on 4 February 2009.

On 1 May 2008 the Minister delegated all of her powers under section 7 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (the Act) to the Deputy State Manager, Northern Territory, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs or to the person temporarily performing the duties of that Position.

Under subsection 7(7) of the Act, a member of a Land Trust holds office for such period, not exceeding 5 years, as is specified in the instrument of appointment and on such terms and conditions as the Minister determines, but is eligible for re-appointment.

It is therefore recommended that you sign and date the attached Instrument of Appointment, thereby appointing the Chair and members to the Land Trust as nominated.

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COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) ACT 1976

APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR AND MEMBERS TO A LAND TRUST

I, <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted] Deputy State Manager, Northern Territory, Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, acting under section 7 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* and the Minister's delegation of 1 May 2008, hereby appoint the following persons as members of the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust for a period of five years from the date of this instrument:

<sup>s47F</sup> [redacted] (Chair)  
<sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]

Dated 24 February 2009

<sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted]  
Deputy State Manager  
Northern Territory  
Department of Families, Housing,  
Community Services and Indigenous  
Affairs

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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Your Ref: DSO8  
Our Ref: C14/94481

Mr Joe Morrison  
Chief Executive Officer  
Northern Land Council  
GPO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mr Morrison

Nominations for the appointment of Chairs and members of the Delissaville/Wagait/Larrakia Aboriginal Land Trust and the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust were forwarded by the Northern Land Council to Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, in correspondence dated 17 November 2014.

The Chairs and members of the Land Trusts have been appointed by the Minister's delegate in accordance with that advice. Copies of the signed Instruments of Appointment are attached for your records.

The parties have been notified of their appointments by letter.

Yours sincerely

s22(1)

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Senior Adviser  
Northern Territory Office – Land Section  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

Ms <sup>s47F</sup>  
Chairperson  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
C/- Northern Land Council  
GPO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Ms <sup>s47F</sup>

Your nomination for appointment as Chairperson of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as Chairperson of the Trust has been approved for a period of five years from 28 November 2014.

May I take this opportunity to wish you success in your work on the Trust.

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup>

<sup>s22(1)</sup>  
Senior Adviser  
Northern Territory Office – Land Section  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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**Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet**

Ms <sup>s47F</sup>  
Member  
Finniss Aboriginal Land Trust  
C/- Northern Land Council  
GPO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Ms <sup>s47F</sup>

Your nomination for appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as a member of the Trust has been approved for a period of five years from 28 November 2014.

May I take this opportunity to wish you success in your work on the Trust.

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup>

<sup>s22(1)</sup>

Senior Adviser  
Northern Territory Office – Land Section  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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Mr <sup>s47F</sup>  
Member  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
C/- Northern Land Council  
GPO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mr <sup>s47F</sup>

Your nomination for appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as a member of the Trust has been approved for a period of five years from 28 November 2014.

May I take this opportunity to wish you success in your work on the Trust.

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup>

<sup>s22(1)</sup>

Senior Adviser  
Northern Territory Office – Land Section  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

28 November 2014

Email: <sup>s22(1)</sup>

GPO Box 9932 Darwin NT 0801

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Mr <sup>s47F</sup>  
Member  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
C/- Northern Land Council  
GPO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mr <sup>s47F</sup>

Your nomination for appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as a member of the Trust has been approved for a period of five years from 28 November 2014.

May I take this opportunity to wish you success in your work on the Trust.

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup>

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Senior Adviser  
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Mr <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]  
Member  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
C/- Northern Land Council  
GPO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Mr <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]

Your nomination for appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as a member of the Trust has been approved for a period of five years from 28 November 2014.

May I take this opportunity to wish you success in your work on the Trust.

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted]

<sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted]

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Northern Territory Office – Land Section  
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Ms <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]  
Member  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
C/- Northern Land Council  
GPO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Ms <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]

Your nomination for appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as a member of the Trust has been approved for a period of five years from 28 November 2014.

May I take this opportunity to wish you success in your work on the Trust.

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted]

<sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted]

Senior Adviser  
Northern Territory Office – Land Section  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

28 November 2014

Email: <sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted]

GPO Box 9932 Darwin NT 0801

\* Facsimile <sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted]

\* Telephone: <sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted]



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Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

## Brief

**To:** <sup>s47F</sup> [REDACTED]  
 Deputy State Manager  
 Northern Territory Office  
 Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

**Through:** <sup>s22(1)</sup> [REDACTED]  
 Senior Adviser  
 Northern Territory Office - Land Section

**From:** <sup>s22(1)</sup> [REDACTED]  
 Administration Officer  
 Northern Territory Office - Land Section

**Date:** 25 November 2014

**Subject:** C14/94481 Nominations for the Appointment of Members to the Finnis River  
 Aboriginal Land Trust and <sup>s22(1)</sup> [REDACTED]  
<sup>s22(1)</sup> [REDACTED]

### Background

On 15 November 2013, Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, acting under section 76 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (the Act), delegated certain functions and powers in respect of sections 7 and 9 of the Act. Refer to Attachment A.

You therefore have the power to appoint Land Trust members, under section 7 of the Act, on receipt of nominations from the relevant Land Council.

Members appointed by the Minister or an authorised delegate are appointed as part-time members, under subsection 7(4) of the Act. Under subsection 7(6) of the Act, members of a Land Trust shall be Aboriginals living in the area of the Land Council in which the Land Trust is situated or whose names are set out in the register maintained by the Land Council in accordance with section 24 of the Act.

Under subsection 7(7) of the Act, a member of a Land Trust holds office for such period, not exceeding five years, as is specified in the instrument of appointment and on such terms and conditions as the Minister determines, but is eligible for re-appointment.

Section 77 of the Act makes provision for remuneration and allowances applicable to members of Land Trusts.

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**Issues**Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust

Nominations for the appointment of a Chair and members to the Finnis Aboriginal Land Trust were sent to the Minister by the Northern Land Council in correspondence dated 17 November 2014 (refer to C14/94481 attached).

Previous appointments to the Land Trust expired on 23 February 2014.

Subject to you appointing members to the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust in this instance:

- The signed and dated Instrument of Appointment will be forwarded to the Land Council with a covering letter signed by the Senior Adviser of the Northern Territory Office Land Section.
- Correspondence to the new members, advising of their appointment to the Land Trust, will also be signed by the Senior Adviser of the Northern Territory Office Land Section and forwarded care of the Land Council, unless an alternative postal address for the member has been provided.
- The relevant documents relating to the exercise of the delegated functions and powers in this instance will be scanned and attached to the relevant ministerial correspondence record on Slipstream, and that record will be closed.

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**Recommendations**

It is recommended that you exercise the Minister's delegation of 15 November 2013 to sign and date the Instruments of Appointment on the following pages, thereby appointing the nominated Chairs and members to the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust and <sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted] for a period of five years.

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Senior Adviser  
Northern Territory Office - Land Section

25 November 2014

~~AGREED~~ / NOT AGREED

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 November 2014

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Deputy State Manager  
Northern Territory Office  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) ACT 1976

FINNISS RIVER ABORIGINAL LAND TRUST

APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIR AND MEMBERS

I, <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted] Deputy State Manager, Northern Territory Office, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, acting under section 7 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* and the delegation of the Minister for Indigenous Affairs dated 15 November 2013, hereby appoint the following persons as members of the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust for a period of five years from the date of this instrument:

- Ms <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted] (Chair)
- Ms <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]
- Mr [redacted]
- Mr [redacted]
- Mr [redacted]
- Ms [redacted]

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Dated 28 November 2014

<sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted signature]

Deputy State Manager  
Northern Territory Office  
Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

ATTACHMENT A

Instrument Number M2 of 2013  
Minister for Indigenous Affairs

Commonwealth of Australia

*Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*

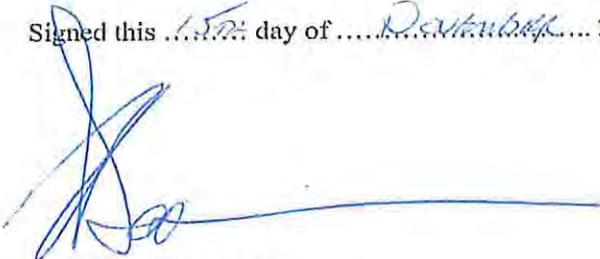
**INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION**

I, NIGEL SCULLION, Minister for Indigenous Affairs, exercising my power under 76 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (the Act):

- a. REVOKE all previous delegations and authorisations of functions and powers under sections 7 or 9 of the Act.
- b. DELEGATE my functions and powers under the provisions of the Act set out in Column 2 and described in Column 3 of an item of the Schedule to this Instrument to each person within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet from time to time holding, occupying or performing the duties of a position specified in Column 4 of the item.

This Instrument has effect on and from the date it is signed.

Signed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 2013.



NIGEL SCULLION

Minister for Indigenous Affairs

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SCHEDULE

Item (Column 1)	Provision of the Act (Column 2)	Summary of function or power (Column 3)	Delegates (Column 4)
1.	Section 7	To: - determine the constitution of a Land Trust; - request nominations and appoint members of Land Trusts and determine their terms and conditions; and - appoint an Aboriginal to act in the place of a member of a Land Trust when a member is unable to perform the duties of his or her office, as provided under section 7.	Secretary Associate Secretary with responsibility for Indigenous Affairs Deputy Secretary with responsibility for Indigenous Affairs All SES Band 2 positions with responsibility for Indigenous Affairs matters All Northern Territory SES Band 1 positions
2.	Section 9	To accept the resignation of a member of a Land Trust as provided under section 9.	Secretary Associate Secretary with responsibility for Indigenous Affairs Deputy Secretary with responsibility for Indigenous Affairs All SES Band 2 positions with responsibility for Indigenous Affairs matters All Northern Territory SES Band 1 positions

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NATIONAL INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS AGENCY

To: Branch Manager – <sup>s47F</sup> [Redacted]

NOMINATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FINNISS RIVER ABORIGINAL LAND TRUST

<b>Recommendations - that you:</b>	
1. Agree to appoint the people nominated by the Northern Land Council ( <u>Attachment D</u> ) as members of the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust.	Agreed / Not Agreed
2. Sign the Instrument of Appointment at <u>Attachment A</u> , correspondence to the Chief Executive Officer of the Northern Land Council at <u>Attachment B</u> and correspondence to the appointed members at <u>Attachments C</u> .	Signed / Not Signed
BRANCH MANAGER <sup>s22(1)</sup> [Redacted]	Date: 28/10/20
Comments:	

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**Key Points:**

1. The Northern Land Council (NLC) wrote to the Minister on 8 October 2020 requesting the appointment of five members and a Chair to the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust (Land Trust) for a period of five years (Attachment D refers).
2. The term of the previous members of the Land Trust expired on 27 November 2019.
3. In response to enquiries by the National Indigenous Australians Agency, the NLC acknowledged by email that the NLC correspondence nominated a Chair in error and requested we proceed with the appointments to the Land Trust without a Chair.
4. The Finnis River Land Trust was established on 19 January 1993 by publication of the *Gazette* notice at Attachment E. Appointment of the first members to the Land Trust was made on 3 February 1993.
5. The first appointments were subject to a determination, under subsection 7(1A) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (Land Rights Act), that the Land Trust shall not have a Chair but shall consist of eight members.

6. <sup>s42(1)</sup> [Redacted]

7. The appointment of only six members would leave two vacancies on the Land Trust. However, subsection 7(5) of the Land Rights Act provides that the exercise or performance of a power or function by a Land Trust is not affected by reason of there being a vacancy in the office.
8. On 16 October 2019, the Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians, acting under subsection 76(1) of the Land Rights Act, delegated certain functions and powers in respect of sections 7 and 9 of the Land Rights Act (Attachment F refers).
9. You therefore have the power to appoint Land Trust members, under section 7 of the Land Rights Act, on receipt of nominations from the relevant Land Council.
10. Subsection 7(7) of the Land Rights Act provides that a member of a Land Trust may be appointed for a term not exceeding five years, but is eligible for reappointment.
11. The NLC confirmed that the nominees satisfy the eligibility provisions for appointment as Aboriginal Land Trust members specified at subsection 7(6) of the Land Rights Act.
12. The Agency is not aware of any reason to refuse the NLC's request for appointment of the nominated members to the Land Trust.

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Senior Adviser  
Land Branch  
October 2020

Policy Officer: s22(1)  
Phone no: s22(1)  
Consultation: Northern Land Council

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FINNISS RIVER ABORIGINAL LAND TRUST

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

I, <sup>s47F</sup> [redacted] Branch Manager, National Indigenous Australians Agency, acting under section 7 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* and the delegation of the Minister for Indigenous Australians dated 16 October 2019, hereby appoint the following persons as members of the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust for a period of five years from the date of this instrument.

<sup>s47F</sup> [redacted]

<sup>s22(1)</sup> [redacted]

Dated 28 October 2020

.....  
Branch Manager  
National Indigenous Australians Agency

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**Australian Government**  
**National Indigenous Australians Agency**

Reference: MC20-005529

Ms Marion Scrymgour  
Chief Executive Officer  
Northern Land Council  
PO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Ms Scrymgour,

Nominations for the appointment of members to the Finnis River Aboriginal Land Trust (Land Trust) were forward by the Northern Land Council (NLC) to the Hon Ken Wyatt AM MP, Minister for Indigenous Australians, in correspondence dated 8 October 2020. The correspondence requested appointment of a Chair and five members to the Land Trust.

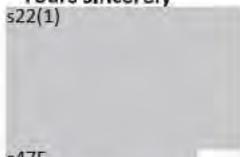
On 15 October 2020, the NLC provided a written response to enquiries by the National Indigenous Aboriginal Agency (the Agency), requesting the Agency proceed with the appointments but with revised details. The NLC acknowledged the Land Trust appointments were subject to a determination under section 7(1A) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (the Land Rights Act) which is that the Land Trust is to have no Chair and 8 members.

The determination was made at the time of the first appointments to the Land Trust in February 1993 on the request of the NLC. s42(1)  
s42(1)

The NLC's correspondence of 15 October 2020 requested we proceed with the appointments without a Chair. This leaves two vacancies on the Land Trust, however section 7(5) of the Land Rights Act enables Land Trusts to operate with membership vacancies. If the NLC wishes to nominate two further members at any time it can request the Minister do so.

As an authorised delegate, I have appointed the nominated members of the Land Trust in accordance with the revised NLC advice of 15 October 2020. The signed Instrument of Appointment is attached for your record. The members have been notified of their appointments by letter.

Yours sincerely  
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Branch Manager

28 October 2020

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**Australian Government**  
**National Indigenous Australians Agency**

Charles Perkins House  
16 Bowes Place, Phillip

Reference: MC20-005529

Ms <sup>s47F</sup>  
Chair  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
C/- Northern Land Council  
PO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Ms <sup>s47F</sup>

Your nomination for appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been approved for a period of five years from the date of this letter,

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup>

<sup>s47F</sup>  
Branch Manager

*28* October 2020

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Ms <sup>s47F</sup>  
Member  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
C/- Northern Land Council  
PO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

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Dear Ms <sup>s47F</sup>

Your nomination for appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been approved for a period of five years from the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup>

<sup>s47F</sup>

Branch Manager

 October 2020



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**National Indigenous Australians Agency**

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16 Bowes Place, Phillip

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Mr <sup>s47F</sup>  
Member  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
C/- Northern Land Council  
PO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

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Dear Mr <sup>s47F</sup>

Your nomination for appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been approved for a period of five years from the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup>

<sup>s47F</sup>

Branch Manager

October 2020



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**National Indigenous Australians Agency**

Charles Perkins House  
16 Bowes Place, Phillip

Reference: MC20-005529

Mr <sup>s47F</sup>  
Member  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
C/- Northern Land Council  
PO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

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Dear Mr <sup>s47F</sup>

Your nomination for appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been approved for a period of five years from the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup>  
[Redacted Signature]

<sup>s47F</sup>  
Branch Manager

28 October 2020





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**National Indigenous Australians Agency**

Charles Perkins House  
16 Bowes Place, Phillip

Reference: MC20-005529

Mr <sup>s47F</sup>  
Member  
Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust  
C/- Northern Land Council  
PO Box 1222  
DARWIN NT 0801

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Dear Mr <sup>s47F</sup>

Your nomination for appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been received from the Northern Land Council.

I am pleased to inform you that your nomination has been accepted and that your appointment as a member of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust has been approved for a period of five years from the date of this letter.

Yours sincerely

<sup>s22(1)</sup>

<sup>s47F</sup>  
Branch Manager

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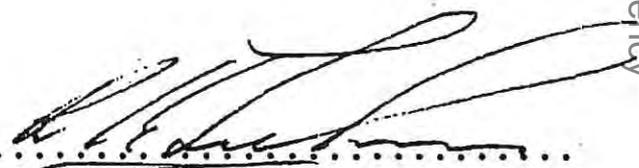
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

ABORIGINAL LAND RIGHTS (NORTHERN TERRITORY) ACT 1976

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ABORIGINAL LAND TRUST

NOTICE

I, ROBERT EDWARD TICKNER, Minister of State for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, pursuant to subsection 4(1) of the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976, hereby establish an Aboriginal Land Trust by the name of the Finniss River Aboriginal Land Trust to hold title to land in the Northern Territory for the benefit of Aboriginals entitled by Aboriginal tradition to the use or occupation of the land concerned, being land described as Section 2941 Hundred of Goyder, Section 23 Hundred of Waterhouse, Northern Territory Portion 4036 and Northern Territory Portion 4037, the boundaries of which are set out in Survey Plans S91/211A to F, S92/234 and S92/231 lodged with the Registrar-General of the Northern Territory.

Dated *18th Jan* ..... 1993 .....  
  
Minister of State for  
Aboriginal and Torres  
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Minister for Indigenous Australians

Commonwealth of Australia

*Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*

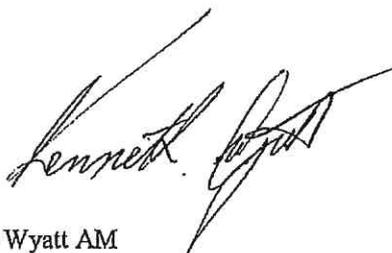
**INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION**

I, Ken Wyatt AM, Minister for Indigenous Australians, exercising my power under subsection 76(1) of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* (the Act):

- a. REVOKE all delegations of functions and powers under subsection 76(1) of the Act; and
- b. DELEGATE my functions and powers under the provisions of the Act set out in Column 2 and described in Column 3 of an item of the Schedule to this Instrument to each person who from time to time holds, occupies or performs the duties of a position specified in Column 4 of the item or who is from time to time otherwise described in that Column.

This Instrument commences upon signature.

Signed this *first* day of *July* ..... 2019



Ken Wyatt AM  
Minister for Indigenous Australians

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## SCHEDULE

Item (Column 1)	Provision of the Act (Column 2)	Summary of function or power (Column 3)	Delegates (Column 4)
1.	Subsection 7(1A)	To determine the constitution of a Land Trust in the circumstance specified in subsection 7(1A) of the Act.	Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Australians Agency  An SES employee or acting SES employee in the National Indigenous Australians Agency
2.	Subsection 7(2)	To appoint members of a Land Trust on a nomination received under subsection 7(3) of the Act.	Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Australians Agency  An SES employee or acting SES employee in the National Indigenous Australians Agency
3.	Subsection 7(3)	To request a nomination of a person from the Land Council for the area in which the Land Trust is to hold land, for the purposes of appointing the members of a Land Trust under subsection 7(2) of the Act.	Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Australians Agency  An SES employee or acting SES employee in the National Indigenous Australians Agency
4.	Subsection 7(7)	To specify the period of appointment of a member of a Land Trust, and to determine the terms and conditions on which a member of a Land Trust holds office.	Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Australians Agency  An SES employee or acting SES employee in the National Indigenous Australians Agency
5.	Subsection 7(8)	To appoint an Aboriginal to act in the place of a member of a Land Trust when a member is, or is about to be, unable to perform the duties of his or her office.	Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Australians Agency  An SES employee or acting SES employee in the National Indigenous Australians Agency

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6.	Section 9	To accept the resignation of a member of a Land Trust.	<p>Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Australians Agency</p> <p>An SES employee or acting SES employee in the National Indigenous Australians Agency</p>
7.	Subsection 64(4)	To direct amounts to be paid or applied to or for the benefit of Aboriginals living in the Northern Territory.	<p>Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Australians Agency</p> <p>An SES employee or acting SES employee in the National Indigenous Australians Agency who is responsible for Aboriginals Benefit Account matters</p> <p>An SES employee or acting SES employee in the National Indigenous Australians Agency who is classified SES Band 1, or is acting at that level, and is based in the Northern Territory</p>
8.	Paragraph 64(4A)(b)	To direct amounts to be paid in relation to the payment of amounts under leases granted or transferred to approved entities under section 19A if the Act.	<p>Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Australians Agency</p> <p>An SES employee or acting SES employee in the National Indigenous Australians Agency who is responsible for Aboriginals Benefit Account matters</p> <p>An SES employee or acting SES employee in the National Indigenous Australians Agency who is classified SES Band 1, or is acting at that level, and is based in the Northern Territory</p>
9.	Subsection 64(5A)	To specify conditions, by notice in writing, on which a payment of an amount to a person under subsection 64(4) of the Act is made.	<p>Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Australians Agency</p> <p>An SES employee or acting SES employee in the National Indigenous Australians Agency who is responsible for Aboriginals Benefit Account matters</p>

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10.	Subsection 64(5B)	If a condition on which a payment of an amount to a person under subsection 64(4) of the Act is made is breached, to: (a) if the payment is by way of a loan- recover so much of the loan as has not been repaid any accrued interest that has not been paid, as a debt in a court of competent jurisdiction; or (b) in any other case- recover the whole or part of the amount as a debt in a court of competent jurisdiction.	Chief Executive Officer of the National Indigenous Australians Agency  An SES employee or acting SES employee in the National Indigenous Australians Agency who is responsible for Aboriginals Benefit Account matters  An SES employee or acting SES employee in the National Indigenous Australians Agency who is classified SES Band 1, or is acting at that level, and is based in the Northern Territory

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