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ABORIGINAL CLAIM AT LARRAKEYAH RECOGNISED

A long-standing issue of contention between Aboriginals and the Department of Defence appears to have at last reached some resolution.

The disagreement, concerned an Aboriginal site of significance located within the Larrakeyah Barracks Darwin.

The site, known to Aboriginal people as Gundal has long been known as an area of intense ritual and mythological importance.

With the establishment of the Defence Reserve and

the beginning of work on the barracks in 1933 Aboriginal people were denied access to this area.

In 1938, partly as a result of the establishment of Larrakeyah Barracks, Kahlin compound was closed and Aboriginal people previously closely associated with the site removed to the Bagot compound.

According to the director of the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Protection Authority, Mr R. W. Ellis.

The terms of the agreement are: the Aboriginal Sacred Sites Protection Authority has identified the

area of the sacred site and confirmed its significance;

The Department of Defence has agreed to "limited, Army controlled access" to Emery Point for Aboriginal people with traditional association with the area;

The Department of Defence has agreed to "seek to retain the area as open space for training."

The Aboriginal Sacred Sites Protection Authority has offered to supply a plaque identifying the area as of traditional significance to Aboriginal people.