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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Development Applications Lot 5182 Town of Darwin Filling of Land (SD37) Planit Consulting

Please refer to my earlier objections to Planit's plans to subdivide Lot 5182, otherwise known as the Kulaluk lease. I note that an advertisement appeared in the NT News on October 31st showing the whole of Lot 5182 shaded with only a black arrow indicating the site to be filled. Pink signs on the Lot may not be available to all interested parties. How are objectors supposed to know from the advertised map which areas are to be filled?

With regard to this **additional** submission, I reiterate some issues below, laid out as bullet points:

- Amendments have been made to the constitution of the Gwalwa Daraniki Association Inc to limit membership so that the Association no longer represents the Larrakia people or others with an interest in the land, such as the Bagot Community. Who or what is the Danggalaba Clan? This is disputed anthropologically and is not defined in the constitution. How are decisions made by the Association? A full inquiry is needed. **The GDA Constitution is attached.**
- . How is that an incorporated association with a minimum membership of five people can hold 301ha of urban land? An association can change its constitution at will, allowing criminal elements to take over without any safeguards in place. Indeed, this has already occurred in the past. **I attach an article “The Carve Up of Aboriginal Land in Darwin” as supporting evidence**

- I do not accept that the Gwalwa Daraniki Association as incorporated has a legal right to make financial arrangements with McDonalds, Planit, Jape, Ernie Chin, Gwelo, Halikos or any other construction or development company. Secret deals have been made to allow illegal dumping on the lease. **Asbestos has been found in the Halikos dump. Evidence is attached.**
- Granting 301 hectares of urban Darwin land to an incorporated association allows for corrupt practices with few safeguards and with negative impacts that affect Darwin's future town planning, particularly when it involves an area that makes such a vital entrance statement on each side of Dick Ward Drive. **A copy of my letter to the NT News is attached.**
- When the lease was being prepared, at a time when I was a founder and member of the Gwalwa Daraniki Association Inc, we were asked to submit plans that emphasised the area as wilderness, environmental, cultural, educational, and heritage park lands. Various references prove that the Kulaluk lease was granted on those grounds. **A copy of advice to Federal Cabinet in 1975 is attached.**
- I do not believe that objectors will get a fair hearing while the Development Consent Authority chairperson is a previous CLP Chief Minister. At least there is an impression of bias.
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- The use of members of the “Gwalwa Daraniki Association Pty Ltd” as heritage consultants is a blatant conflict of interest and is contrary to Larrakia cultural practices.
- As evident in an ABC TV report, the area in question behind McDonald's Restaurant contains cultural sites used when the land was part of the Bagot Aboriginal Reserve between 1938 and 1965 and may contain burials.
- Lot 5182 between Fitzer Drive and Totem Road is an essential part of the plan to create a cultural, educational and heritage park employing Aboriginal people, for the benefit of the whole Darwin community. The area could easily be utilized by forming a network of bike trails through the trees and cycads, which would also act as firebreaks. In contrast of the narrow interests of a few who would alienate the land according to the existing applications by Planit,

Jape, Ernie Chin, “Gwalwa Daraniki Association Pty Ltd,” Halikos, Gwelo and others.

- Similarly, the area between Fitzer Drive and Totem Road is an integral part of the plans for a world-class wilderness, environmental, cultural, educational, and heritage park employing Aboriginal people. The proposed subdivision and construction of tin sheds would alienate the area and separate the bushland from community access. See article by Hillary Thompson attached “Is it a wasteland -No!” (Advertiser, 24 February 1983).
- Signage and lighting proposed for the Jape subdivision would be a potential hazard in the airport flight path and impede traffic flow.
- Residents and Aboriginal traditional owners are very upset by this application and feel that they have no democratic redress, considering the attitude of their political representative, Dave Tollner MLA who supports the Jape proposals and says he has “a soft spot for the Gwalwa Daraniki Association”. See <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JhvZIs9TdQw>
- See the above video as an example of the gangster tactics used by the President of the Gwalwa Daraniki Association. Similar tactics were used against protesters at Totem Road on May 3, 2014, indicating that the situation is escalating (**DVD attached**). The fact that this same woman shot her defacto partner and father of her 6 children in the back as he slept is intimidating to Aboriginal people. I attach evidence that Helen Secretary has no more right to call herself a traditional owner than other Larrakia people, numbering over one thousand today.

I urge you to consider objections made by Larrakia people to the alienation of their land and the submissions made by concerned Ludmilla residents, which I wholeheartedly endorse. I will be unable to attend the DCA hearings.

Yours sincerely

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