

# KALULUK IS NOT A WASTELAND



Bill Day, who with the exception of Fred Fogarty, has probably done more than any other individual to ensure that Aborigines get to keep at least some of Darwin, gets more than a little angry when he hears people, such as the manager of Redco Real Estate Pty Ltd, Mr Doug Gambie, describe the surrounds of Ludmilla Creek as wasteland.

Redco Real Estate Pty Ltd is, of course, the company which wants to spend \$30million building houses either on, or bordering, Kulaluk.

Kulaluk, is of course, the land granted all of Darwin's Aborigines, not just the Larrakeyah as many seem to think, by way of compensa-

tion for the land and dignity they have lost through the arrival of whites.

Says Bill: 'Mr Gambie seems to be referring to the dying mangrove trees. If this is true, people should understand that the mangroves were victims of Cyclone Tracy. Tracy shed almost every leaf from every tree in Darwin. The mangroves need their leaves to deal with the salt water. Without their leaves they die. But they do regenerate and for the impatient they can be given help to do so.'

Bill is doing his bit by replanting mangrove pods regularly. Occasionally he is helped by Aboriginal children.



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The pictures on these two pages explain themselves. Below, Bill Day's fishtrap. At right, the compound that Bill built.

