

THE COMMUNITY BUILT ON A TOXIC LAND FILL DUMP - NT EPA Denials and Cover-ups Exposed

Full historical and pictorial evidence

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Above: Aerial view of Minmarama Village on the Kulaluk Lease Area in Ludmilla constructed on a toxic Darwin City Council land fill site 1972 – 1975 and Cyclone Tracy wreckage disposal site 1975 – 1976, extended in 2009 by an arrangement between the leaseholders and a private construction company.

The Northern Territory Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) replied in July 2018, “Since your initial letter and photographs were provided, officers have been in discussions with other government departments with historical knowledge of the area and researched available information (including reviewing aerial images). To address one of your primary concerns that Minmarama Village is located on an historical 'Council' landfill site, officers have been unable to find evidence in any imagery to confirm this.”

With regard to the unauthorised dumping behind Minmarama Village, the EPA writes: “Officers are unable to locate any permits or approvals granted by any government agency for reclamation behind Minmarama Village. Officers have also been unable to determine what, if any, financial or other non-regulatory arrangements may have been in place that allowed the filling, or been able to satisfactorily determine who may have conducted these activities in 2009.”

As for the huge construction dump to the right of this photograph, that is a story for another day. However, in their reply the EPA state, “...preliminary 3rd party testing of the stockpiles for asbestos contamination indicated that the stockpiles material posed no significant risk.” [Note: ANY presence of Chrysotile asbestos is a significant risk, and samples have proved the rubble dump contains asbestos].