



The Hon Greg Hunt MP

Minister for the Environment

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Dear Ms Jackson

I refer to your application of 12 May 2014 under section 9 of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Protection Act 1984* (the Act) seeking to protect an area of land on Dick Ward Drive in Darwin (the specified area).

You applied for an emergency declaration to protect the specified area from the effects of works being carried out there. I understand that the parties responsible for the works are Dragon Lady Pty Ltd and Gwala Dariniki Association Inc. I have forwarded copies of this letter to Dragon Lady Pty Ltd and Gwala Dariniki Association Inc for their information.

The Act can only protect an area if it is a significant Aboriginal area as defined in the Act. In this case it is not possible for me to make an emergency declaration because I am not satisfied that the specified area is of particular significance to Aboriginals in accordance with Aboriginal tradition as understood in terms of the Act. If you are aggrieved by my decision, you may request a statement setting out the reasons for my decision, within 28 days of the date of this letter.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Greg Hunt