

**EMAIL FROM MARGARET CLINCH, PLANNING ACTION NETWORK -**

Subject: Burial Ground-Totem Road-Clearing of Vegetation - Adviser on Extent of Burials also has proponent status.

**Tuesday 6 May 2014, 11.46pm**

Dear Friends,

I was told that Mr Ernie Chin went direct to Chief Minister, Adam Giles, for the decision to approve development on this lot.

This would explain references to Minister Chandler's response, which I have not seen, or heard directly.

In our view, there needs to be a legal pause - an Interim Order of some kind- whilst important aspects of evidence can be carefully assessed, and no more damage done.

Compromising a burial ground is a very serious moral matter for the NT.

A statement only by one of the proponents, an interested party, cannot possibly be appropriate, or therefore depended upon, in the whole scheme of things.

The burials are not limited to the families of the Gwalwa Daraniki Association.

Graves need protection. The ground needs to be thoroughly mapped, documented and protected.

It is recalled that in the original application for rezoning, an Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority Certificate(AAPA) was attached which did not apply to this site at all.

This was drawn to the attention of the Department by submitters. Submitters were not advised at the time how this misleading information was corrected in the record, and what affect it had.

In the public interest, a legal public delay is required on further any clearing, and development action on the whole site, until we have:

1. An independent documented technical assessment of the scope of the burials.
2. Proper independent advice on the burials, acceptable to the Larrakia Nation, and other Aboriginal groups who might have relatives buried there.
3. Irrefutable independent evidence that there has been no political interference with due process in approving the development of this site.

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