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STATE THE FOLLOWING -

1. From August 1996 to February 1998 I conducted field work in Darwin for my PhD thesis, *Fringe dwellers in Darwin: cultural persistence or a culture of resistance?*
2. I was also a resident in Darwin from May 1969 to June 1985 during which time I assisted the Larrakia people and others in making land claims.
3. From March 1992 to December 1995 I was a full-time student at the University of Western Australia, gaining a Bachelor of Arts with Joint Honours in English and Anthropology.
4. From March 1996 to August 2001 I was a postgraduate student in the Anthropology Department at the University of Western Australia.
5. From 2001 to 2003 I was employed by the Pilbara Native Title Service preparing connection reports and genealogies for various Pilbara native title claimant groups.
6. From 2003 to 2006 I was employed by Gumala Aboriginal Corporation as an anthropologist preparing genealogies, writing family histories and making documentary videos of ceremonies.
7. From 2006 to 2012 I participated in heritage surveys in the Pilbara with native title claimants and mining companies and have written reports of those surveys according to the guidelines of the Western Australian *Aboriginal Heritage Act, 1972*.
8. During May 2009 I was employed by the Martu Idja Banyjima native title claimants as an anthropologist to advise in mediation meetings organised by the National Native Title Tribunal in Karratha, Western Australia and to critique the work of other anthropologists.

LARRAKIA CLAIMS

9. From 1971 to 1979 I conducted research with Larrakia-speaking traditional owners to prepare Larrakia claims to land rights. My research was later submitted to the Aboriginal Land Rights Commissioner Mr Justice Woodward in 1973 and previously to the Interim

Aboriginal Land Commissioner Mr Justice Ward in 1975. Both Commissioners found in favour of the Larrakia claims which I had prepared in association with surviving Larrakia people.

10. In Darwin I also published a newsletter called 'Bunji' between 1971 and 1985 to publicise the Larrakia claims. The purpose of this publication was to generate public interests and attention in the Larrakia claims to their ancestral lands.
11. I am the author of the book, 'Bunji: a story of the Gwalwa Daraniki Movement', published by Aboriginal Studies Press in 1994. This book was drawn from primary sources, and details a history of the struggle of Larrakia people in the Darwin area.
12. In July 1971 the Northern Territory News published an article and photograph describing how I with Larrakia people and other Darwin Aborigines erected a sign at the site of the old Bagot burial grounds down from Totem Road saying, "No Dumping – Burial ground".
13. At that time I observed Tiwi pukamani poles and one wooden cross at the burial ground.
14. In 1973 I was instrumental in having the burial ground roughly surveyed by an officer of the Department of Aboriginal Affairs accompanied by a Larrakia elder named Victor Williams.
15. From 1972 to 1975 I assisted the Larrakia people to make a claim to vacant land revoked from the old Bagot Reserve in 1965. This land included all the burial sites as I understood them, including those that are outside the area pegged by Victor Williams and Jack Doolan in 1973..
16. Aboriginal people who have now passed away asked me to ensure that the burial grounds down from Totem Road are protected.
17. After the 301 hectare Kulaluk lease was returned to Aboriginal people in 1979, to my knowledge the land was not surveyed for sacred, cultural or historical sites because it was felt that these sites were henceforth safely in Aboriginal hands.

18. During 1997 when I conducted my fieldwork at “Fish Camp” on the lease, the Kulaluk leaseholders instructed taxi drivers not to use the Totem Road gate because the burial ground was sacred.

19. I consider that the native vegetation that was destroyed on May 1 and 2 was in a very healthy state.

This statement accords with the facts as I understand them to be.

SIGNED.....

Dr William B Day

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