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Dear Sir,

I refer you to an item in this mornings NT News headed GREEN BELT PLAN FOR DUMP AT LUDMILLA. (page 7).

The article says that "the land has been offered to the Council by the Department of the NT."

"It is expected that the council will formally accept responsibility for the land when it meets tomorrow night".

As part of the area to be handed over are also part of the Gwalwa Dargniki Land Claim of KULALUK which Mr Huey is supposed to be finalizing, the 'handing over' seems to come at a very strange time as it will be very difficult to retrieve the land from the City Council.

We are requesting Mr Bradley to stall this 'handing over' until the boundaries of Kulaluk are finalised. If the Department of the NT will not co-operate, then legal means are necessary. If there is no action then our group is experienced at using whatever methods are appropriate.

We are asking Mr Huey to speed up whatever it is he is doing because the way things are going there will be nothing left of Kulaluk by the time anything is done.

We will have observers at the ^{City} council meeting on Wednesday night and hope to hear that the handing over of the filled dump area will be postponed.

Obviously this area is only good for recreation and playing fields for the general public and I should imagine this is what it will eventually become even if it is included in the land claim, however the point is, the boundaries are not finalised and until they are, the city council must be kept out of the area.

Yours faithfully
W. E. Day

Copies to Mr. Huey

Illustration 15: Claimants in the Kulaluk claim over the old Bagot Reserve land had been encouraged by the final report of the Aboriginal Land Rights Commissioner, Justice A E Woodward in April 1974 were shocked to read the newspaper report of a 'hand over' of the Ludmilla dump area on the claim to the DCC. The above letter requested the Northern Land Council Lawyer, Hugh Bradley, and a Dept of Aboriginal Affairs officer, "Mr Huey" to intervene. The claimants had previously submitted plans for the area, as requested. The above letter states: "Obviously this area is only good for recreation and playing fields for the general public and I should imagine this is what it will eventually become even if it is included in the land claim,...."