

Gwalwa Daraniki Association Kulaluk

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Dear Sir

According to Alison Bevege (Seven years? Bad Luck, October 2013), governance in Aboriginal corporations is set to come by scrutiny under new Indigenous Advisory Council chairman Warren Mundine. Warren claims he will be “putting pressure on ORIC, politicians and others to make sure reform happens”. Not before time, as demonstrated by Alison's account of the problems with the Bawinanga Aboriginal Corporation at Maningrida and other corporations who deal in millions of dollars of community funds. However, Aboriginal Associations operate under regulations more suited to a darts club, although they may hold assets in the form of leases over vast areas of land on behalf of the community. Meetings can be rigged and constitutions changed with few safeguards or recourse to remedial action. Under such shonky rules, there is theoretically no barrier to an Association holding valuable land in trust to be taken over by an outlaw bikie gang.

Yours sincerely

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