

LARRAKIA FAMILIES PROTEST LOT 5182 DICK WARD DRIVE, AT TOTEM ROAD INTERSECTION

1. CLEARING OF THE SITE IN DICK WARD DRIVE IS SCANDALOUS.
2. LOCAL LARRAKIA NATION PEOPLE PROTESTED YESTERDAY ABOUT A PART LOT BEING CLEARED IT WAS NO SURPRISE. EVERYONE KNOWS THERE ARE BURIALS WIDELY SCATTERED IN THE AREA..
3. IN A TOTALLY SURPRISE ACTION RECENTLY, THE NTG APPROVED THE REZONING OF THIS BURIAL SITE TO LIGHT INDUSTRY, FROM CONSERVATION. THIS WAS BASED ON AN APPLICATION FROM THE GWALWA DARANIKI ASSOCIATION (GDA).
4. THE WHOLE OF LOT 5182, COVERING THE FORESHORE OF LUDMILLA BAY, WAS MADE A CROWN LEASE TO THIS SMALL ASSOCIATION IN 1979, FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF CONSERVING THE LAND NATURALLY, AND NOT ALLOWING DEVELOPMENT ON IT.
5. IT APPEARS ONLY THE GDA WERE CONSULTED BEFORE THE EXTENT OF THE BURIAL GROUND WAS DECIDED.
6. THE PUBLIC NEEDS TO KNOW:
 - 6.1 WHY HAS THE NTG ALLOWED THIS CONSERVATION LAND TO BE REZONED NOW FOR DEVELOPMENT?
 - 6.2 EXACTLY WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING THE APPROVAL OF THIS DECISION ? WAS DUE PROCESS FOLLOWED, OR WAS THERE POLITICAL INTERVENTION
 - 6.3 WERE THE PROPER TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LARRAKIA NATION CONSULTED ABOUT THE EXTENT OF THE ABORIGINAL GRAVES ON THE SITE, OR WAS ONLY THE GWALWA DARANIKI ASSOCIATION ASKED?
 - 6.4 HAS THE WHOLE SITE BEEN COMPLETELY ELECTRONICALLY SCANNED FOR BURIAL REMAINS, SO THAT ALL SACRED AREAS CAN BE CERTIFIED FOR PROTECTION BY THE RELEVANT AUTHORITY (ABORIGINAL AREAS PROTECTION AUTHORITY [AAPA], OR HERITAGE BRANCH)? IF SO, WHEN WAS THIS DONE, AND WHAT WERE THE RESULTS? SUCH INDEPENDENT SCANNING IS ESSENTIAL, BEFORE ANY DEVELOPMENT ACTION IS TAKEN ON THE SITE.

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