

I am convinced that the Danggalaba have a strong case if you stick together.

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Dear Alan

Good to see you again. As you say, you are the last man standing out of those who signed the Kulaluk lease. Look after yourself, because they need your experience. You told me that your kids need money and the jobs and that is why you are trying to develop Kulaluk land. As you know there have been many failed attempts like the prawn farm and crab farm, Arafura Harbour, Redco, Vysrose etc etc. And I believe you don't get much from the McDonalds deal either. I have never seen an Aboriginal girl or boy working there.

Anyway, as Larrakia people, you should be rolling in the money and have no need to sell off land in town which is more valuable as recreation space. In fact I would say the Kulaluk bush is priceless and should not be used for industry. I am sure you have seen my suggested plans. If not, I can send you a copy.

Somehow you mob at Kulaluk seem to have been missing out while the other Larrakia are making money from the Darwin and Cox Peninsula land. In my latest report I am sending you, I have shown why I think you missed out in the land claims. I have used your mother-in-law's family tree that she helped me draw in 1973 to show who are the rightful land owners, the Danggalaba clan. In your constitution you mob already call yourselves Danggalaba (which you are) and so does Raylene Singh. There are the Thompsons at Bagot as well and the Batcho/Williams family, including Tibby. You are all Danggalaba according to your mother-in-law. If you were following the traditions you would be helping each other to make sure you win your land rights.

Tibby is the only one who has kept going with this native title business. His last chance is on Thursday this week on 11th November when his case goes before the Federal Court. His lawyer is a young bloke named Brendan Loizou. I wrote this report for the Danggalaba case. Brendan is going to do his best for you. We are talking about native title over Darwin and also your rights on the Cox Peninsula.

This case is the Kulaluk mob's chance to get off welfare dependency without selling the Kulaluk land. And I am talking about big bucks. Millions. All you have to do is get with your rightful place as Danggalaba like your mother-in-law always said. To do this you must join up with Raylene, Stephanie and Tibby and the other Danggalaba. I have explained why this is in the report. You mob at Kulaluk have your traditional life and so does Raylene and Stephanie.

You might remember old Dolly. She was a leader of the Larrakia and her nephew Victor Williams was always recognised by your mother-in-law. Dolly's family is Tibby's mob too, all the descendants of Dedja Batcho. I am convinced that the Danggalaba have a strong case if you stick together. Contact Brendan on his mobile before Thursday. Thursday will be too late because he has to get ready for the judge. Maybe some of you can go and listen to the case on Thursday morning. Sorry I can't be there.

Study the report and you might understand something. To win native title you have to prove that you have a shared system of laws and customs and a connection to your land as a society. The Danggalaba clan is that society. But I repeat, you can't win if there is division.

Yours sincerely

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