



The Conservation Commission's bulldozer off Bagot Road in action yesterday.

Bulldozers rip into Kalaluk

Two of the senior custodians of Kalaluk, Fred Fogarty and Bill Day, were more than a little dismayed yesterday when they found a bulldozer of the Territory Conservation Commission ripping part of Kalaluk apart.

It was being done, they were told, at the instigation of Mr Albert Treeves, who says he has a responsibility to administer the land.

When Bill and Fred told Mr Treeves that what he was doing was not in accordance with the constitution of the Aboriginal organisation responsible for the land, Mr Treeves replied (and there is a tape recording to prove it) "I don't give a f— about the constitution."

Off to a lawyer went the two.

His advice was to ask the Conservation Commission to stop its wrecking and if not to seek an injunction before a judge of the Supreme Court to make sure of a halt until such time as all the Aborigines of Darwin are given a chance to decide what they want done.

That will begin at a meeting behind the Drive-In theatre Friday morning.

meantime, officials of the Conservation Commission have promised a halt until the meeting is held.

Purpose of the bulldozing is apparently to "beautify" the land with lawns and toilets. "Clean up the bush," said one senior official.

But as Bill says a condition of the lease is that the bush is not destroyed.

And, he says, two transit camps have been promised for Aborigines. "But we are told there is not any money to build them. Yet the Territory Government has money for this nonsense."