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I Jacinta Nampijinpa Price say on oath:

1. I was born in Darwin in 1981.
2. I currently serve in the Australian Commonwealth Parliament as:
 - a. Senator for the Northern Territory, having been elected at the Federal Election held on 21 May 2022;
 - b. Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians, having been appointed to that role on about 18 April 2023; and
 - c. Shadow Minister for Government Efficiency, having been appointed to that role on about 24 January 2025.
3. In this affidavit, I have referred to times and times zones based on the documents annexed to this affidavit. If the document is sourced from my records or the records of my office or staff based in the Northern Territory those records are in ACST time. If the document is sourced from the records of staff located in the AEST time zone those records are in AEST time.

Background

4. My parents were teachers and as an infant and toddler I lived in the Tiwi Islands, Northern Territory, Noonkanbah, Western Australia and Darwin before moving to Alice Springs when I was 3 years old.
5. I have lived in Alice Springs since I was 3 years old, except for about 18 months between 2007 to 2008 when I lived in Darwin.
6. I completed my primary and secondary education in Alice Springs.
7. I raised my four boys, three who are now adults, in Alice Springs (save for the two months in Darwin).
8. From about the late 1990s to 2018, I performed as an independent musician touring throughout the Northern Territory.



9. My mother and father operated a business from Alice Springs called Jajirdi Consultants that offers services to build bridges between Aboriginal communities and those who work in them. I worked in that business from 1998 to 2018 as a cultural consultant providing such services.
10. From about 2000 to 2006, I worked, while raising my children, at the Gondwana Gallery in Alice Springs that specialised in Aboriginal art and obtained a Cert III in Museum Practices.
11. In 2002, I worked as journalism cadet with Imparja Television.
12. While living in Darwin in 2008, I worked at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory for a few months.
13. I returned to Alice Springs in about 2008 and once I was re-settled:
 - a. I worked with Desart, an arts organisation that promotes Aboriginal artists and art centres;
 - b. I commenced playing AFL and became involved in the organisation and promotion of women's AFL in the Alice Springs community;
 - c. I worked for Imparja Television as a co-host for a children's television program and roadshow promoting healthy living and education to Aboriginal children, a role that I performed from 2009 to 2014 that resulted in travelling to remote communities throughout the Northern Territory; and
 - d. I helped to establish the Desert Divas program which aimed to empower Indigenous girls and women into music careers.
14. From September 2015 to 28 August 2021, I was elected and served on the Alice Springs Town Council.
15. From 29 September 2020 to 28 August 2021, I served as Deputy Mayor of Alice Springs.



16. From 2018 until I was elected to the Senate in 2022, I was employed as the Director of Indigenous Research for the Centre for Independent Studies (CIS), having previously worked for the CIS as a research assistant from 2016.
17. I have travelled broadly throughout my adult life, in my varied capacities, in the indigenous communities particularly remote communities throughout the Northern Territory, and have observed and experienced first hand the conditions of indigenous Australians particularly in Central Northern Territory.
18. As long as I can remember, I have been aware of the Central Land Council (CLC), representing the Aboriginal people in the southern half of the Northern Territory including Alice Springs, and of the important role that it plays in indigenous affairs, including in the lives of my family, in Alice Springs and the Central Northern Territory.
19. My mother Bess worked at the CLC when I was in primary school and I have many early memories about the CLC.
20. Since my return to Alice Springs in 2008, through my work in children's entertainment, art and music, cross-cultural advocacy, the AFL, political advocacy and politics, I have been an advocate throughout my community for empowering young indigenous girls especially in Alice Springs.
21. I am very passionate about indigenous affairs in the Northern Territory and the operation of the land councils, and since entering political life I have learned much about the legal structures and on the ground operations of those organisations.
22. Throughout my life living in the Northern Territory I have attended land royalties meetings with my family. I have witnessed first hand the violence and social issues that plague indigenous Australians and the important role that land councils play in the life of Aboriginal Australians.
23. I have witnessed indigenous families being divided and split over how land royalties have been distributed by the land councils including the CLC.
24. I have observed throughout my life that conditions and opportunities for indigenous Australian in the Northern Territory, particularly in remote communities, have not



significantly improved despite the millions dollars spent on indigenous affairs and millions of dollars in royalties that have been earned on behalf of traditional owners.

25. During my time with the CIS (2016 to 2022), my research work was focused on highlighting the factors that contributed to the high rates of domestic violence in remote communities and identifying where the gap is for indigenous Australians, so governments could properly target indigenous disadvantage rather than taking a blanket approach based on an assumption that all indigenous people are equally marginalised.

Indigenous issues, advocacy and Parliament

26. Since entering political life almost ten years ago, I have been particularly interested in the big picture issues, including: improving children's health and access to education, preventing family violence and stopping youth crime.
27. I also wanted a thorough review of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Land Rights Act)*, and of the role of land councils including the CLC in administering that legislation.
28. As I saw it, the land councils were not effectively representing traditional owners and lacked transparency.
29. From my on the ground experience and knowledge of the Lands Rights Act, I considered that the legislation hinders any real economic opportunity for Aboriginal people, and that the community owned approach (that does not allow for private ownership) has failed and prevents economic prosperity for indigenous people.
30. I want to remove all barriers to economic development for Aboriginal people, and I knew that if I wanted to effect real change, I needed to run for Federal Parliament. I did so first in 2019, unsuccessfully, and then successfully at the 2022 Federal Election when I was elected Senator for the Northern Territory.
31. Before and since entering Federal Parliament, I have advocated both inside and outside of Parliament for legislative and administrative changes to improve the lives of indigenous Australians.



32. By the time I entered Federal Parliament I was aware that the CLC:
- a. was the second largest land council constituted under the Land Rights Act; and
 - b. had the functions set-out in s. 23 of the Land Rights Act.
33. In about 2021 and 2022, I first communicated with traditional owners Sharon and Natasha Watkins from Eastern Arrernte country. Those women came to me complaining that their family had been removed from a list as traditional owners of their lands. I have continued to communicate with these women both on the telephone and in person, and they have informed me that not only were their families removed but they were replaced by families with no connection to their land. They told me that they felt like they were not getting a response or natural justice, and that they had tried to get hold of Mr Turner but had never had any positive result to rectify the situation.
34. Traditional lands in the Northern Territory are run by entities such as prescribed body corporates, which have lists of traditional owners based on their family's totem and connection to the land. The families on the list can make decisions about the use and management of their traditional lands and receive royalties for the use of their lands.
35. In 2022 and 2023, I communicated with another group of sisters, Lesley and Geraldine Martin who are Central and Eastern Arrernte traditional owners who were trying to utilise their land for economic development and who were also removed from the list as traditional owners of their lands. They also informed me that they had tried to get hold of Mr Turner, and also never had any positive result to rectify the situation.
36. I was aware from speaking to those traditional owners, and from my mother's experience (discussed further below) that there were serious concerns in the CLC constituency about the management of traditional owner status. I was personally concerned that the existing system, given the large amounts of money involved and the lack of fraud controls, could enable if not encourage abuse, fraud and corruption. This concern was not just based on the experience of my mother and the other traditional owners who had similar experiences, but on having attended royalty meetings at various times in my life and having experienced families in my community being divided and split over how land royalties have been distributed by the CLC.



37. I have been visiting and talking to people in remote communities in the CLC region and around the Northern Territory, in my varying capacities, all my adult life. I have observed that conditions have generally gotten worse in remote communities in the CLC region over my lifetime.
38. Since 2021, apart from some isolated individual incidents, I have not observed improvement in the conditions in these communities, but I have observed that some conditions have deteriorated. Since I became Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs in April 2023, I have made at least 10 visits each year to remote communities in the CLC region. In general I have still not observed conditions to improve.
39. On 29 March 2023, Senator Colbeck (Lib, Tas) moved a motion on behalf of himself, myself, and Senators Liddle (Lib, SA), McGrath (Lib, QLD) and Thorpe (Ind, VIC) in the Senate that the following matter be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by the first sitting Thursday in November 2023:

The role, governance and accountability of key Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander representative organisations, including land councils and native title bodies such as prescribed bodies corporate, with particular reference to:

- (a) *administrative, operational and governance arrangements to ensure accountability, risk mitigation, and transparency for present and future Traditional Owners, to protect their interests and deliver positive economic and social outcomes;*
- (b) *the quality and effectiveness of consultation and engagement with Traditional Owners to ascertain their views, and opportunities for the views of Traditional Owners to be reflected in decisions of the organisations;*
- (c) *how these organisations undertake their responsibilities to:*
- (i) *negotiate: on behalf of Traditional Owners,*
 - (ii) *manage and maintain an accurate register of members,*



- (iii) *conciliate disputes, and*
- (iv) *appropriately manage dissenting views;*
- (d) *arrangements for commercial and lands trust activities;*
- (e) *the extent to which administrative, operational and governance arrangements align with the principles contained in the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples with specific reference to the principles of free, prior and informed consent and other relevant principles and conventions;*
- (f) *the extent to which these organisations are contributing to justice for First Nations people; and*
- (g) *any other related matters.*

40. The government of the day did not support the motion.

41. On 7 June 2023, the Australian National Audit Office release its report titled “Governance of the Central Land Council” (the ANAO Report). I reviewed the ANAO Report at about this time and also received briefings from my staff. As a result of my reading and those briefings:

- a. I recall being generally aware that the CLC received large amounts in 2021–22, in the order of (as recorded in the Report)
 - \$34.4 million from the Aboriginals Benefit Account for its operations;
 - \$15.9 million from specific purpose contracts (primarily from the Australian Government); and
 - \$82.8 million from land use rents and royalties in trust for distribution to its constituents.

I considered that these large amounts of money that the CLC received were not reflected in the progress and conditions of Aboriginal people in Central Northern Territory.




b. I became aware that despite having a Fraud Policy dated June 2021, endorsed by the CEO (Mr Turner), that required fraud risk assessment to be conducted and then, in the event that a fraud risk was identified, for a specific plan to be developed to manage that identified risk, the CLC under Mr Turner:

- (1) had not conducted a fraud risk assessment since the implementation of that Fraud Policy;
- (2) had not developed a fraud control plan that deals with identified risks; and
- (3) had a system of fraud control that was not fully effective (the fraud findings).

42. Although some parts of the ANAO Report were positive in relation to the CLC, I considered the fraud findings to be particularly damning of Mr Turner's management and operation of the CLC, and of his professionalism. They indicated to me a possible explanation for the concern which I had, and which many other indigenous people I had spoken to since becoming Senator had continued to express to me since Mr Turner became CEO, that the CLC was not transparent, that it appeared to favour particular families and individuals in making decisions, and that it had not improved or advanced the lives of its constituents despite the millions of dollars it managed. I also recalled his assurances to me and my mother in 2021, referred to below. I considered that the fraud findings justified further inquiry into the operation of the CLC.

43. On 9 August 2023, Senator Liddle on behalf of herself and myself moved a motion in the Senate that the following matter be referred to the Finance and Public Administration References Committee for inquiry and report by 30 June 2024:

- a. the role, governance and accountability requirements of Aboriginal Land Councils and/or similar governing bodies across Australia, their respective members and how these are maintained;
- b. the scope of activities funded by the Australian Government and delivered by Aboriginal Land Councils or similar governing bodies and Aboriginal organisations, and how they are impacting the communities they act on behalf of;



- c. how services are delivered, their effectiveness and whether other opportunities exist to provide greater community-led benefit to Traditional Owners;
 - d. how Traditional Owners are consulted in making decisions that impact on the entire community;
 - e. how Aboriginal Land Councils and/or similar governing bodies and Aboriginal Organisations assess applications for funding and development and any reasons for delays;
 - f. how the future of Aboriginal Benefit Account funding will benefit communities; and
 - g. any other related matters.
44. The government of the day did not support the motion.
45. On 7 September 2023, I spoke in the Senate calling for an inquiry into land councils and other Aboriginal organisations.
46. The government of the day did not support my call for an inquiry.
47. On 17 October 2023, I moved a motion in the Senate:
- That, in the opinion of the Senate, the following is a matter of urgency:*
- The need for Prime Minister Albanese to support the Opposition's call for a Royal Commission into child sexual abuse in Indigenous communities, to audit spending on indigenous programs, and to support practical policy ideas to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians to help Close the Gap.*
48. The government of the day did not support the motion.
49. Since entering Parliament in 2022, each week I would engage in some way with constituents and stakeholders to discuss on four to five different matters relevant to indigenous Northern Territorians and Australians. I continue to read large amounts of information relating to my constituency as Senator for Northern Territory and my portfolio as Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australia, in media articles and government documents, and also receive regular briefings from my staff.



Relevant individuals**Mr Turner**

50. I first met Mr Turner in about April 2021 in Alice Springs, with my mother Bess, shortly after he became CEO of the CLC.
51. I had accompanied my mother who wanted to discuss with Mr Turner how she and her family had been removed from traditional owner status for Janganpa by the CLC. My mother had been left very hurt when the previous CLC executive removed her traditional owner status. They had determined, without what my mother considered to be due process, to revoke her family's status because they claimed my mother's father was Arrernte not Warlpiri. My mother and her family are from Yuendumu in Warlpiri country. My mother's first language is Warlpiri, and my mother and her family are Warlpiri people.
52. At our meeting Mr Turner told my mother and me that he wanted to do things better for our community and fix things and bring a fresh approach at the CLC.
53. I don't recall meeting again with Mr Turner after that first meeting.
54. At the time when I met Mr Turner, I did not expect that it was likely that that he could do anything to restore my mother's traditional owner status, so I did not follow up my mother's personal concerns with him. However, I was very hopeful from what he had said that he would at least address those concerns insofar as they related to other families, so they did not also lose their traditional owner status through an unfair process, and that he would take steps to make things better generally for the broader indigenous community in my region.



Mr Palmer

55. In or about February 2023 I became aware that Mr Matthew Palmer was elected the chair of the CLC.
56. I had known of, and known, Mr Palmer for many years, having met him on occasions from living in Alice Springs most of my adult life, as he was a prominent member of the indigenous community in Alice Springs.
57. Within the circles in which I mixed, he had reputation as a man of great integrity, and he was well respected within the indigenous community in Central Northern Territory. My understanding was that the elected delegates of the CLC and also the CLC executives and stakeholders shared that opinion of him.

Dr Morris

58. As at June – July 2024, Dr Gavin Morris was the Principal of Yipirinya School in Alice Springs (from 2021), and a Councillor on the Alice Springs Town Council (from 2022).
59. In the lead-up to the 2022 Federal Election, when I was a candidate, I had extensive professional dealings with Dr Morris about funding for the Yipirinya School.
60. As at June – July 2024, from those dealings, and from my awareness of Dr Morris' high reputation in the Alice Springs region amongst the people with whom I mixed:
- a. I understood him to be honest, and regarded as driven passionately to help the most vulnerable children in the Alice Springs and indigenous communities;
 - b. I knew that he had well established relationships with traditional owners in Alice Springs; and
 - c. I considered him to be trustworthy and a reliable source of information.

Mr Wilks

61. From January 2024, I have employed Mr Damien Wilks as my Senior Adviser. Amongst his other duties he:




- a. provides high-level political advice to me to assist me in meeting my responsibilities to the Parliament, the Senate, the Coalition and as Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians;
- b. oversees the successful fulfilment of my portfolio and electorate responsibilities;
- c. works with other staff in the office to develop and manage my portfolio, media and communications commitments; and
- d. leads the preparation of a range of documents.

62. I employed Mr Wilks as my Senior Adviser because:

- a. he had experience working in the office of the Hon Tony Abbott AC from February 2017 to January 2024, including acting as principal adviser from 2019 to 2024 and as chief of staff;
- b. he had experience working in the office of the Hon Damien Tudehope from March 2014 to February 2017;
- c. he had a reference and recommendation from the Hon Tony Abbott AC who I greatly respected; and
- d. having interviewed him I was satisfied that he was suitable and qualified for the role in my office.

63. As at June – July 2024, I considered that Mr Wilks had performed well in his role and I trusted him and considered him to be qualified to draft, assist in drafting, and advise on media releases and statements to be released to the public.

Ms Hart

64. Since May 2024 I have employed Ms Rebekah Hart as my media adviser in my office. Amongst other duties she:

- a. conducts news and media monitoring;
- b. liaises with media outlets to arrange media engagements for me;



- c. drafts and advises on speeches, media statements and media releases for me;
- d. provides briefings to me before media engagements; and
- e. oversees my online and social media content.

65. I employed Ms Hart as my media adviser because:

- a. she had experience and training as a legal practitioner, that meant she would learn quickly and adapt well to the new role – as indeed she has; and
- b. having interviewed her I was satisfied she was suitable and qualified for the role in her office.

66. As at July 2024, I considered that Ms Hart had performed well in her role and I trusted and considered her qualified to draft, assist in drafting, and advise on my media releases and statements.

Ms Lila

67. I have employed Ms Rachael Lila as my Chief of Staff and electorate office manager since 2023. She is based in Alice Springs. Amongst other duties she:

- a. manages the Darwin electorate office and staff as well as my parliamentary office in Canberra; and
- b. communicates with stakeholders and constituents on my behalf.

January – June 2024

68. In about February 2024, I reviewed the 2023 *Closing the Gap* annual report and was also briefed by my staff about it. I noted that only two or three outcomes were on track and most of the outcomes were not on track.

69. I considered this to be an entirely unsatisfactory state of affairs and indicative of the cumulative failures of government bodies and organisations responsible for indigenous affairs in this country, including the CLC under Mr Turner's leadership. The *Closing the Gap* findings reflected my own observations and consultations within the



indigenous community throughout my adult life, and particularly since becoming Senator for Northern Territory and Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians.

70. As at June 2024, I was aware and concerned, based on my lifetime of observations, experiences, discussions with other indigenous Australians, personal research and staff briefings, that despite the large amount of money spent on indigenous Australians and indigenous affairs generally, including as expended and managed by the CLC in particular:

- a. too many Indigenous people within the CLC constituency were still suffering from domestic abuse and sexual violence, at a greater rate, and had lower standards of living, education and health and life expectancy compared to both Indigenous Australians in urban communities and the general Australian population; and
- b. traditional owners and indigenous owners were not advancing economically or becoming economically independent.

71. As at June 2024, I remained greatly concerned that:

- a. I had not observed, or had reported to me through constituents, any discernible change or improvement in the performance of the CLC, or in its management and practices, or in outcomes for its constituents; and that
- b. the Commonwealth government had not undertaken, and was unwilling to undertake, a comprehensive inquiry into the land councils, including the CLC, and other indigenous bodies responsible for the poor outcomes in the lives of indigenous Australians in the Northern Territory and elsewhere.

72. By mid-2024, I had heard various complaints, from my discussions with the Watkins sisters (discussed above) and with Mr Palmer (discussed below), that Mr Turner did not visit the more remote communities, was not working arm in arm with the chair (Mr Palmer), and did not take notice or act in the best interests of constituents and traditional owners when they would bring him concerns. They each expressed concerns about the conditions at the out-stations, conditions I had personally observed since 2021 that were unacceptable and not improving, if anything getting worse.



73. Traditional owners I spoke with in 2024 also told me that they had the impression from their interactions with Mr Turner that he was living in Canberra or at least spending most of his time there. Since about 2022 or 2023 in my general discussions with indigenous people in Alice Springs, where I live, when the CLC was raised it was often commented to me that Mr Turner was either living in Canberra or spending too much time there. I regarded this as concerning and indicative of the need for the CLC to change its practices.
74. On 7 June 2024, I received iMessages from Dr Gavin Morris, that informed me that:
- a. Mr Palmer and his team with the support of all 90 delegates were planning a move to get rid of the CEO and executive of the CLC;
 - b. This was to happen in about 5 weeks; and
 - c. Dr Morris had met with Eva Lawlor, former Labor Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, about the proposed action.

A copy of the iMessages is annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP1**.

July 2024

75. On 11 July 2024, at 11:16am (ACST) I sent a text message to Ms Lila asking her to call Dr Morris, who had been attempting to call me. A copy of the text message and the text messages that followed that day between myself and Ms Lila that day are annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP2**.
76. At 11:31am, Ms Lila informed me that Dr Morris had told her that the *“CLC have a full delegates meeting next Thursday [which was 18 July 2024] to move a no confidence motion against Les Turner and they would like to replace him with Gavin”* (Dr Morris).
77. As to the proposal for Dr Morris to replace Mr Turner, I did not consider this to be a good idea. I told at least Dr Morris that they needed to find someone else. However, I did support Mr Palmer’s objective to strengthen the CLC to do a better job for the traditional owners.



78. Between 11 and 18 July 2024, I had one or more telephone discussions with Mr Palmer and Dr Morris, in which Mr Palmer confirmed to me:
- a. his intentions to move to have Mr Turner removed as CEO at the CLC meeting;
 - b. that although he initially thought he had a good working relationship with him, both Mr Turner and his staff were now ignoring him and not interested in what he as chair had to say;
 - c. that he could not understand why circumstances in the indigenous community in the Central Northern Territory were not getting better with all the money being earned; and
 - d. that the elected CLC delegates wanted a change of direction.
79. I do not remember what I said in response. I supported the objective of Mr Palmer and the other delegates to achieve change for indigenous Australians including by attempting to make changes to the CLC leadership.
80. I was aware at this time that Mr Palmer, as Chair of the CLC, had authority to speak and engage in correspondence on its behalf. I considered Mr Palmer to be honest and reliable.
81. By 17 July 2024 or possibly earlier, I had informed Mr Wilks that Mr Palmer wanted to remove the CEO and change things at the CLC, and that Mr Palmer was going to move a no confidence motion against the CEO. I asked Mr Wilks to engage with Dr Morris to assist Mr Palmer in his proposed actions. At about this time I also discussed with Mr Wilks the possibility of my issuing a media release about the issue.
82. I thought it was important for the public to understand that prominent traditional owners wanted change in how things had been done for so long, and that Mr Palmer's actions were evidence of the need for an inquiry, which I strongly supported, into the land councils including the CLC.
83. By 18 July 2024, I understood from my communications with Dr Morris and Mr Palmer that:



- a. Mr Palmer as chair had serious concerns about the way in which Mr Turner was performing in his role as CEO of the CLC in consulting with himself and others;
- b. Mr Palmer believed that his concerns were shared amongst all of the CLC delegates;
- c. there was broad support in the CLC delegates for a change in the executive leadership at the CLC, in particular to remove Mr Turner as CEO; and
- d. Mr Palmer planned to move to remove Mr Turner as CEO at the CLC meeting on that day.

84. On 18 July 2024 at 7:42am (ACST), I sent Mr Palmer an iMessage of support that read:

Good luck today. If the change you are fighting for doesn't happen as you plan remember it is just the beginning. I will fight with you to help bring the change you mob are needing and you know I'm a fighter. Don't back down! Jacinta Nampijinpa.

Annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP3** is a copy of this iMessage.

85. On 18 July 2024 at 1.13pm (AEST), I sent to Ms Lila, by a text message, a document headed "DRAFT RESOLUTIONS, THURSDAY 18th JULY 2024" (the **Motion**). A copy of the message is annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP4**. I have not been able to find a record of my receiving the Motion. My best recollection is that I received the Motion from Dr Morris. My understanding was that this document contained the resolutions which Mr Palmer intended to move at the CLC meeting on that day.

Annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP5** is a copy of the Motion.

86. As at July 2024, I was a member of three chat groups with Mr Wilks and Ms Hart on the WhatsApp private messaging application, namely: (1) a group named "Media Advice" with Mr Wilks and Ms Hart (**Media Advice group**); (2) a group named "JNP News 24" with everybody in my office (**JNP News 24 group**); and (3) a group named



“JNP ACT 24” with everybody in my office other than Ms Milstead and another junior employee who worked in the Darwin office (**JNP ACT 24 group**).

87. On 18 July 2024 at 1:43pm (ACST), I sent a message in the JNP ACT 24 group that enclosed a copy of the Motion. A copy of the message, and the discussion which followed, to 2:34pm ACST), is annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP6**.
88. On 18 July 2024 at 2:34pm ACST), as I am now aware, Mr Wilks sent to Ms Hart an email with suggestions for a media release by me. At that time I did not yet know what the outcome of Mr Palmer’s Motion was. So far as I am aware, this was the first draft, or version (**First Draft**), of what ultimately became the media release issued by me on 21 July 2024. I do not recall seeing this document at the time, but I have subsequently seen a copy.

Annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP7** is a copy of the email.

89. On the following day, 19 July 2024, at about 1:30pm (ACST), I had a telephone discussion with Mr Palmer and Dr Morris in my car, on speaker phone, with my chief of staff Rachael Lila and Ms Hart. In that conversation, Mr Palmer informed me:
- a. that all the men and women were behind the removal of Mr Turner other than two men and one woman;
 - b. that the Motion did not pass because those two men scared the other male delegates about possible legal repercussions from Mr Turner if the Motion were passed;
 - c. about the “paper” that Mr Palmer had shown people at the meeting (being the Motion I had received the day before); and
 - d. that as the Motion was unsuccessful, his people would seek to break away from the CLC.

Ms Lila on my behalf recorded most of the conversation on her phone. An electronic copy of the recording is exhibited to this affidavit as the Exhibit **JNP8**. A copy of the transcript of the conversation prepared by Ms Hart on my instruction and edited by me is annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP9**.




90. Based on my experiences with and knowledge of Dr Morris and Mr Palmer, I believed the information which my staff and I received from Mr Palmer and Dr Morris about the CLC and Mr Turner to be reliable.
91. I do not recall all the oral communications that I had with Mr Wilks and Ms Hart between 18 and 22 July 2024. However, it is my practice to be in regular contact with my senior staff, and Ms Hart and Mr Wilks in particular, and Ms Hart was travelling with me in the Northern Territory over some of that time.
92. It was my practice, when in communications range, to try to read the messages on the WhatsApp groups, and to click through and read the content of any hyperlinks in the messages, as soon as I was able to after they were received.
93. On 19 July 2024 at about 2.17pm (ACST), as I am now aware, Ms Hart sent a WhatsApp message to Mr Wilks with an amended draft of the proposed media release (**Second Draft**). Annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP10** is a copy. This was very soon after the telephone discussion in the car.
94. I was not on the Wilks/Hart group, and I did not see or read the Second Draft at the time. I do not recall whether I saw the Second Draft at any time prior to the commencement of these proceedings. However, I was generally aware at this time that Ms Hart was working with Mr Wilks to prepare a media release.
95. On 19 July 2024 at about 3:15pm (ACST), I received a message from Mr Wilks on the Media Advice group, about his work with Ms Hart on the media release and the likely timing of that given the expectation that Mr Palmer was going to issue a media release. I read this message at about this time and indicated my acknowledgement and agreement with its contents with a thumbs up emoji.
- Annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP11** is a copy of this message.
96. On Saturday 20 July 2024, Mr Palmer did issue his own media release, headed "*CLC Council voice no confidence in CEO Lesley Turner*" (**Palmer release**).
97. At about 12.05pm (AEST) on that day, as I am now aware, Dr Morris sent the Palmer release to Mr Wilks by email. Annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP12** is a copy



of this email. I do not recollect seeing the Palmer release myself before I read the NT News Article the next day on 21 July 2021.

98. On Sunday 21 July 2024, at about 2:36pm (ACST), on the JNP News 24 group, I sent a link to an NT News article that I had read (the **NT News Article**). The NT News Article was headed "*Lindsay Turner dumped as CLC chief executive*".

A copy of the message I sent, and the WhatsApp discussion that followed, to 2.57pm on 21 July 2024, is annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP13**.

99. A copy of the NT News Article is annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP14**.
100. It is my experience and expectation with journalists, over many years, that they ordinarily conduct their own investigations into statements from politicians including my own media releases, and seek comment from myself or my office or any other person they identify as being the subject of such statements before publishing their stories.
101. When I read the NT News Article, I saw that it claimed, contrary to what Mr Palmer had told me on 19 July 2024, that Mr Turner had been removed as CEO. At that point, consistent with my experience and expectation noted above, I believed the journalist who wrote the article may have had further sources of information or there had been further developments.
102. A short time later at about 2:54pm (ACST), I received messages from Mr Wilks and Ms Hart in the JNP News 24 group to the effect that the NT News Article was no longer available. These messages are in **JPN13**.
103. At about 2:56pm (ACST) on 21 July 2024, in the JNP News 24 group, Mr Wilks sent the text of the Palmer release. This message is in **JNP13**.
104. On 21 July 2024 at about 3.12pm (ACST), I received a message from Ms Hart on the Media Advice group with an amended draft of the proposed media release (**Third Draft**). Annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP15** is a copy of the message, and the messages that followed in the Media Advice group to 9:19pm (ACST).
105. Annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP16** is a copy of the Third Draft.



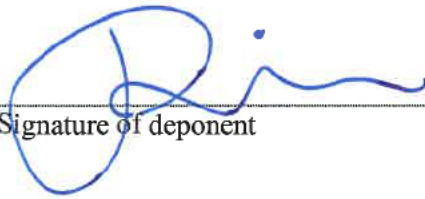
106. I read the messages but do not recall if I reviewed the Third Draft at that time. I was aware, including from reading these messages, that there were multiple drafts of the media release that we were proposing to issue that day.
107. On 21 July 2024 at about 4:57pm (ACST), I participated in a discussion with Mr Wilks and Ms Hart in the Media Advice group where they confirmed that the NT News Article had been taken down. This discussion is in **JNP15**.
108. On 21 July 2024 at 8.25pm (ACST), Ms Hart sent a further amended version of the media release (**Fourth Draft**) to me and Mr Wilks in the Media Advice group. A copy of the Fourth Draft is annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP17**. At 8:31pm (ACST), Mr Wilks sent a message in the Media Advice group, advising Ms Hart to send it out once I approved. These messages are in **JNP15**.
109. I read and reviewed the Fourth Draft. The Fourth Draft did not name Mr Turner. This was consistent with my objective which was to highlight the actions of Mr Palmer and the need for change in the land councils generally to support traditional owners. My understanding was that the Fourth Draft was accurate, including as to the results of the Motion as Mr Palmer had told me on 19 July 2024.
110. At 9:01pm (ACST), in the light of all the communications and knowledge that I had, and being satisfied as to its accuracy based on that knowledge and my trust in Mr Wilks and Ms Hart, I approved the Fourth Draft (now the **Approved Release**) to be issued, in a message in the Media Advice group. This message is in **JNP15**.
111. I understood when approving the Approved Release, based on my past experience in relation to such releases, that the intended audience were journalists and media organisations on Ms Hart's distribution list or who would access my website directly.
112. I considered that a call and attempt by the Chair of CLC to remove the CEO of the CLC, and the failure of that attempt, were issues of significant and immediate public interest that required my comment as Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians and Senator for Northern Territory. I considered that the publication of the Approved Release was in the public interest.



113. I was not aware of any public response to the Palmer release or the NT News Article, from Mr Turner or anyone else within the CLC, until Monday 22 July 2024, the day after I published the Approved Release.
114. At 11:13am (ACST) on Monday 22 July 2024, I received a message from Ms Hart in the Media Advice group, that she had been called by a media person from the CLC. A copy of this message and the discussion that followed, to 11:47am (ACST), are annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP18**.
115. At 11:54am (AEST) on 22 July 2024, I received an email from Ms Hart, forwarding an email from Ms Tess O'Loughlin of the CLC, which requested a retraction based on a media release on CLC letterhead (**CLC statement**). A copy of this email and the CLC statement are annexed to this affidavit and marked **JNP19**.
116. I read the CLC statement. The claim in it, that there had been no motion to dismiss the CEO, seemed to me to be irreconcilable with the content of the Motion, which I had, and with what Mr Palmer had told me.
117. I do not recall the specifics but I understood from talking with Ms Hart that she had raised this with Ms O'Loughlin. If the CLC had produced any evidence or material substantiating their claim in the CLC statement that there had been no such motion, I would have been willing to consider retracting or correcting the Approved Release. However, no such evidence or material was produced.
118. On about 29 July 2024, I received a concerns notice in these proceedings. That concerns notice also contained no evidence or material supporting the claim, which was repeated in the concerns notice, that there had been no motion to dismiss the CEO.



Sworn by **Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price**)
at Canberra)
in the Australian Capital Territory)
on **28 February 2025**)



Signature of deponent

Before me:



Signature of witness

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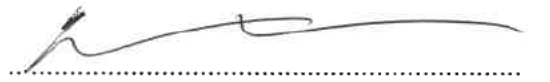
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[REDACTED]

Heya Jacinta, there is some pretty big movements about to go on at the Central Land Council which I think you should definitely know about... happy to chat when you are free



Fri, 7 Jun at 8:40 PM

Thanks I'll give you a call early next week if that works?

[REDACTED]

Yeah for sure... they are planning a coup and getting rid of CEO and executive - they have all 90 delegates ready to go... I have met with Eva Lawlor who knows about it. This will happen in 5 weeks



That's fantastic

Who's they?

[REDACTED]

Chair - Matt Palmer and his team

He has full support of all 90 delegates - would rather talk about the rest rather than text tho



Totally off the record Jacinta



No problem talk then

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.....
Name: *Graham Danner*
Qualification: *Australian Lawyer*

< 22  **Jacinta Nampijinpa Pri...**  
last seen today at 2:00 pm

11 Jul 2024

Hey love can you call Gavin and find out why he's so desperate for my attention?
11:16 am

Will do 🍌 11:17 am ✓

CLC have a full delegates meeting next Thursday to move a no confidence motion against Les Turner and they would like to replace him with Gavin.
Gavin is meeting with Matt Palmer and elders this afternoon and is seeking your advice on this.
11:31 am ✓

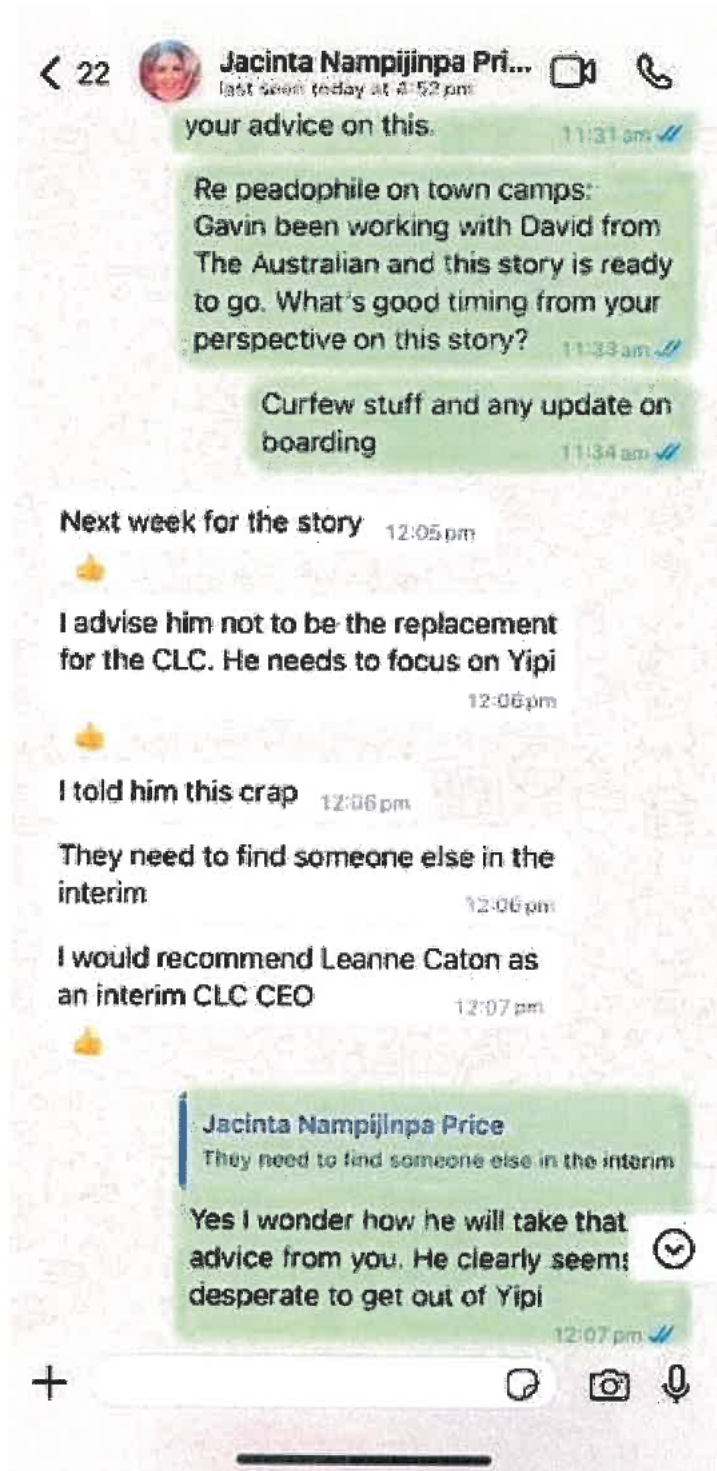
Re peadophile on town camps: Gavin been working with David from The Australian and this story is ready to go. What's good timing from your perspective on this story?
11:33 am ✓

Curfew stuff and any update on boarding
11:34 am ✓

Next week for the story 12:05 pm

I advise him not to be the replacement for the CLC. He needs to focus on Yipi
12:06 pm

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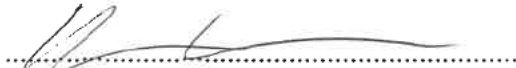
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iMessage
Thu, 18 Jul at 7:42 AM

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Good luck today. If the change you are fighting for today doesn't happen as you plan remember it is just the beginning. I will fight with you to help bring the change you mob are needing and you know I'm a fighter. Don't back down! Jacinta Nampijinpa

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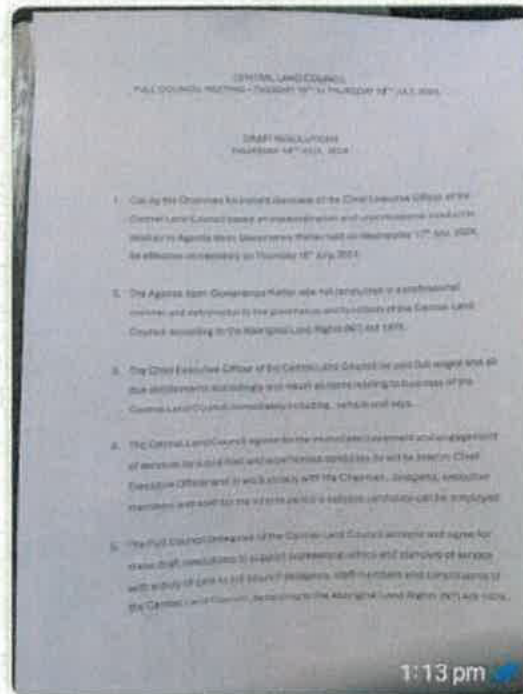


Rachael Lila
last seen today at 1:32 pm



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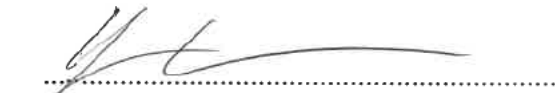
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CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL
FULL COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 16TH TO THURSDAY 18TH JULY, 2024.

DRAFT RESOLUTIONS
THURSDAY 18TH JULY, 2024.

1. Call by the Chairman for instant dismissal of the Chief Executive Officer of the Central Land Council based on insubordination and unprofessional conduct in relation to Agenda Item: Governance Matter held on Wednesday 17TH July, 2024, be effective immediately on Thursday 18TH July, 2024.
2. The Agenda Item: Governance Matter was not conducted in a professional manner and detrimental to the governance and functions of the Central Land Council according to the Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976.
3. The Chief Executive Officer of the Central Land Council be paid full wages and all due entitlements accordingly and return all items relating to business of the Central Land Council immediately including, vehicle and keys.
4. The Central Land Council agrees for the immediate placement and engagement of services by a qualified and experienced candidate, to act as Interim Chief Executive Officer and to work closely with the Chairman, delegates, executive members and staff for the interim period a suitable candidate can be employed.
5. The Full Council Delegates of the Central Land Council accept and agree for these draft resolutions to support professional ethics and standard of service with a duty of care to full council delegates, staff members and constituents of the Central Land Council, according to the Aboriginal Land Rights (NT) Act 1976.

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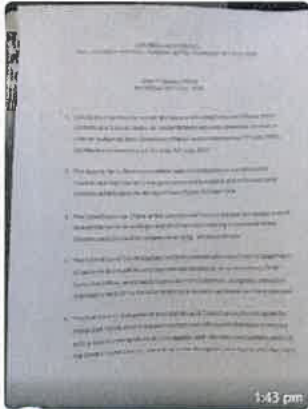
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18/07/2024



Jacinta Price



Damian Wilks

I've been speaking with Gav, and helping him out with a release that will go out from Matt Palmer

2:00 pm



Jacinta Price



2:35 pm

We going to put out a release in support? 2:33 pm



Damian Wilks

we do, but you could also do a press conference in Katherine tomorrow? Is there media around?

2:34 pm



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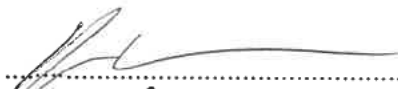
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From: [Wilks, Damian \(Sen J. Nampijinpa Price\)](#)
To: [Hart, Rebekah \(Sen J. Nampijinpa Price\)](#)
Subject: Draft Release. You should have a go at it, then show the boss
Date: Thursday, 18 July 2024 2:34:17 PM

The vote this afternoon at a meeting of the Central Land Council, has shown yet again that the needs and concerns of Indigenous Australians are not a priority for the Albanese Government.

In September last year the Coalition moved a motion calling for an inquiry into the governance of the Land Councils.

The Albanese government dismissed that call. Now the Central Land Council, at the request of the chair Matt Palmer, agreed to dismiss the CEO due to unprofessional conduct.

The Albanese government has presided over the ongoing failure of NAAJA, has given boards with DV offenders money to deliver DV services, and oversaw the inexplicable cessation of ABA grants for Homelands.

Will the Albanese government now just leave the CLC members on their own? Will they continue to pretend that these issue are not present in other aboriginal organisations?

At the end of the day it is the most marginalised Indigenous Australians who suffer when aboriginal organisations are not held to a proper standard. Minister Burney needs to step up and actively ensure these organisations are being run to the highest standard possible.

There needs to be a review into the Land Rights Act, to ensure greater transparency and accountability. For too long, the status quo has presided over an arrangement that leaves traditional owners land rich but dirt poor – with little scope for individuals to be empowered and use the resources available to them for their own economic independence.

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Matthew: You can get this breakaway sorted out.

JNP: Yep.

Matthew : But the cool fellas, saying that Les.

JNP: Okay.

Yeah it deputy chair [?]

JNP: Yep.

Matthew: And a fella named, from Lajamanu is ah, they both from [inaudible]...anyway.

JNP: Yeah right.

Matthew: Yeah but, but the rest of the men were behind me.

Matthew: There's only two saved Les.

JNP: Okay, and so two men saved Les in the end. So you didn't get to pass that motion, did you get to pass it or nothing?

Matthew: Ah no, cos they was a bit too scared

JNP: Alright, they're too scared.

Matthew: So I said okay, I said to my people, I said, okay, let them go with that - we break away. With all our regions, we'll break away.

JNP: Yeah.

Matthew: So that's why I asked Gavin.

JNP: Yeah.

Matthew: What's our next step and [inaudible]

JNP: Yeah okay okay.

Matthew: How do we sort that out?

JNP: All right, well leave...

Matthew: The next one.

Yeah.

Matthew: Next things sister is for that anniversary 50th anniversary is gonna be in October I don't know, not too sure what date.

JNP: Okay.

Matthew: But that's our next full Council meeting as well.

JNP: Okay.

Matthew: So we can meet then? Whatever.

JNP: Do you know? Yeah. Do you know what, what exactly the date is for that?

Matthew: I can certainly get that down and find out. Exactly.

JNP: Yep.

Matthew: So then you and your, whoever wants to come and meet us all there.

JNP: Yep.

Matthew: That'd be great.

JNP: Yep.

Matthew: If you do it any other way sis, it will be just, they'll be very hard to catch

JNP: Yeah, yeah, yeah.

Matthew: They they're like rabbits everywhere.

JNP: No, you gotta make you're sure in the same place at the same time.

Matthew: You know our people.

So I was thinking while I was driving back, I was thinking, okay.

Only way to get all those people instead of looking for them.

JNP: Yep.

Matthew: They'll be all there.

JNP: Yeah.

Matthew: and I'll get all them fellas who stood behind me.

JNP: Yep.

Matthew: And more might add on too cos thing was behind me too, Luritja mob from Haasts Bluff. They were all behind me as well.

JNP: Yeah, yeah.

Yeah, yeah,.

Matthew: Papunya They was all behind me, only two men.

JNP: Yeah, yeah.

Matthew: Two evil men.

JNP: Yes, yes.

Matthew: And all the Warlpiri[?] knows that.

JNP: Yeah, yeah so who's he...

Matthew: So which way sis? Like what, what's the option? This is really what..

JNP: Okay.

Matthew: All of the those old men want, even the women.

JNP: Right well...

Matthew: Except for Barbara

JNP: Okay, so the only way this is going to, change is if if so, if we're voted in at the next federal election, I'll be the Minister for Indigenous Australians, and I'll have the power to to put into motion what it would look like to establish breakaway land councils.

Matthew: Mmmm.

JNP: So, that's because Linda Burney's not going to do it. You know Labor's not going to do that, that's not what they interested in because they're interested in controlling you know, Arhele, yapa (aboriginal people) through.

Matthew: Exactly.

JNP: Through the land councils, so...

Matthew: Alright, so they're behind it?

JNP: Absolutely. They they don't want to change anything because, they, they have ultimate control. Yeah. Of course.

Matthew: Chansey Paech was there

JNP: Yeah.

JNP: He doesn't want it to change. He's got Barbara in his pocket. He's always.

Matthew: Oh, yeah. Yeah yeah that's true yeah. Okay sounds great.

JNP: So we need to push we need...

Lindsay: We need to legislate to change the Land Rights Act

Lindsay: Because...

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: You know, that was good for it's time in the 70s and 80s.

Lindsay: But it's not working anymore. Now it's actually defeating the purpose for our people.

JNP: Well, these are exactly the things that I've been aiming to push for. So first was the inquiry into land councils, because if they if we have an inquiry and every time Labor and the Greens voted it down, but Lidia was onside with me as well. And we're pushing for an inquiry because an inquiry would have let people like yourselves sit in front of the Senate, sit in front of us politicians and tell us exactly what, what, what concerns you have with the land councils and what you want going forward into the future. But Labor and the Greens blocked it at every turn. So I've been continuing to push for it.

Matthew: Thank you.

JNP: And if, we're going to try one more time to get it up in the Senate, and if it doesn't, then that is what I'll be doing. If we win government, that's the first thing that I'm going to do. And then what I've said is I want to review the Land Rights Act. I want to review the Land Rights Act. And, because it needs to change to support economic development, to support different language groups to take control of their own country and use it how you want to use it, basically.

Matthew: Exactly. Yes.

Lindsay: Yeah well Linda Burney flew down to Pukatja two weeks before the yes vote.

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: And spoke to Donald Fraser.

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: And Donald, he's one of the original movement members of the Land Rights Act.

JNP: Yep.

Lindsay: And he told all the changes that need to take place.

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: And that's the last we ever heard of him.

JNP: Well Linda's not going to be interested in you know, she doesn't know, she doesn't know, you know she only knows Sydney life. That's all she knows really, she doesn't know the situation on the ground.

Gavin: So Jacinta, in terms of, it sounds like what those two, those two men made the other mob scared that they were right [?].

Matthew: Yeah, yeah.

JNP: Yeah.

Matthew: He was saying - oh, he was saying, those two men were saying, especially Geoffrey from Lajamanu.

JNP: Yep.

Matthew: He was saying oh - he'll put you mob in jail.

JNP: Nah.

Matthew: He'll put you mob in jail.

JNP: Nah.

Matthew: Yeah he was bluffing.

JNP: Yeah yeah, nah see...and people...

Matthew: And they you know our mob got really frightened.

JNP: Yeah, yeah.

Matthew: And they reckon...I don't want to go to jail.

JNP: Yeah.

Matthew: That's why I'm not, I'm not doing any voting he reckoned.

JNP: Yeah.

Matthew: You know be in jail for a long time.

JNP: Yeah.

Matthew: They aren't pulling me [?] in court I said.

JNP: Yeah.

Matthew: I showed a piece of paper in and I'll send it soon, later.

JNP: Yeah.

Matthew: I said I I showed [inaudible] him and put him in jail cos of this, look what he done here.

JNP: Yeah.

Gavin: I can send that to you, I'll take a picture and send it to you.

Matthew: Yes.

gavin: Jacinta.

JNP: Yeah see no that's that's wrong, that's wrong. And all those, you know.

Matthew: Very wrong.

JNP: That's the problem with, you know, we going to make sure.

Matthew: And after that argument sis, after that argument, and I was just, probably the last one from my dinner getting it.

JNP: Yeah.

Matthew: and just someone come behind me, sneak behind my back and said "I'm sorry," that was Kate O'Brien. Oooh made me real angry.

JNP: Yeah. Yeah.

Matthew: Really angry. They said, I was just doing my job, she reckoned.

JNP: Yeah. Right.

Matthew: Yeah, them two both wanted to get me out of there.

JNP: Yeah,.

Matthew: I was listening, looking what they doing, you know what I mean?

JNP: Yeah, yeah.

Matthew: For our mob.

JNP: Yeah.

Matthew: What were you going to say Jacinta?

JNP: Yeah.

Unidentified: You know, you you need to create a position. You need an adviser. I could help you there. I can be your adviser so [inaudible].

Lindsay: Ah the meeting with Alcoota?

JNP: Yeah. Yeah.

Lindsay: Because Chris Stott has been out there for 30 odd years.

JNP: Yeah. Yeah. Yeah.

Lindsay: Me and Matthew went out there and held a community meeting last Friday. Their meeting? Yep. Unanimous decision to get rid of them.

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: And then a unanimous decision for me and my little company in charge.

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: And so now we've run it with the director.

JNP: Yeah, no I I I know all about that good work.

Lindsay: Lady from the Land Council rang me yesterday and she said you're officially now the boss out there of Alcoota.

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: And she said that Charlie Martel, their lawyer who sent me a letter saying can't do this can't do that,.

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: He said he's actually working for you the dumb bloke, he works for the Alcoota Cattle Company. So now you're in charge, he's actually working for you.

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: Because and then working with this Chris Stott on the side.

JNP: Yeah right.

Lindsay: And the lawyer from Land Council said I think you need to get the directors to go straight into the Alice Springs office because he's in Darwin.

JNP: Yea.

Lindsay: He's, they probably don't even know what he's doing.

JNP: Yeah right.

Lindsay: How they are to be held responsible for so, those 800 head of cattle that have gone missing.

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: And all, all those stolen wages. And even down to the compo, one young bloke out there with a permanent injury with no teeth from a motorbike accident while mustering.

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: And all that Stott done, just kick him and tell him to get moving.

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: And no compensation.

Gavin: Jacinta this is what we're saying, that there's like years and years and years of evidence of local mob getting paid \$10 an hour.

Lindsay: \$10 a day.

Gavin: Or not getting paid at all.

JNP: Yeah, right.

Gavin: And so there's a fair few stories that you probably want to come across here, a lot of them you probably already know, but a lot of evidence here.

JNP: Yeah.

Gavin: But what, what we talking about here Matt, what what do you think this mob need to start Jacinta in terms of, you know, this mob wanting to break away and becoming the Aranda Land Council?

JNP: Yeah. Look, I mean, there's going to be that all of those things are going to have to happen, before that, because I know that in the past there's been attempts for people to do breakaways, and it's usually a Labor minister who's shut it down and said, no, but, this is these are exactly the things that I want to support going forward. But I can only establish that, you know, if, if I'm in the, in the driver's seat. But these are things I'll absolutely continue to push for no matter what position I am in. But it's going to have to start, with. Yeah. If we can establish an inquiry, we can bring out all of these things. But also if there is a push for this and you want to do like, a bit of media around it as well.

Matthew: Yeah.

JNP: I think, I think, you know, we can we can help you get, a media announcement out about that. And because the rest of, you know, I mean the Territory, the rest of the country needs to know that this is the sense and this is the feeling, of groups that actually want to progress forward, you know, stop with the nonsense, stop with everything, roadblocks all the way through the land councils, because there's a better way of doing this, and they're not interested in it because they don't want to lose power. You were talking billions, millions and billions of dollars that we know that mob out bush are not seeing any of they're getting the chicken feed in royalties, but no real investment or, you know, economic independence coming of it. And so it's well overdue for reform and for change. And so I can go back to, you know, to my mob and look at this.

Gavin: I sent a media release I've been working on with Damo.

JNP: Yep.

Gavin: And with Matt.

JNP: Yep.

Gavin: We should probably use some of that or not, but, what do you reckon Matt, we show the papers with the story with what has happened and tell Australia what what it is that you're trying to do here.

Matt: Yeah for my people.

JNP: Yeah.

Matt: I needed a [inaudible].

JNP: Yep.

Matt: We are all one people.

JNP: Yeah, yeah, that's exactly right.

Matt: That's my generation.

JNP: Yeah.

Matthew: We don't have any assistance you know, we don't have, you know [inaudible]

Gavin: This is the chair of the CLC sitting here.

JNP: Yeah, yeah.

Gavin: With 99%

JNP: Of the executive.

Gavin: Delegates and constituents behind him.

JNP: Yeah yeah yeah that's right. And they still want to hold that power. It is a big story. So if if you want, let me get back to my mob and we can see how best we can get this story out there with the maximum impact. For, so, so you're heard, I mean, I'm, I think I'm on 7:30 report this Monday coming as well. So if there's something you want to get out there before then, this is something that I can talk about while I'm on that as well. And, but definitely, in October if I can find out what that date is because I think I'm, for some of October, I've got other

things that I've got to do, but if it works then I absolutely want to be there, to have those conversations with everybody on the ground.

Matt: Yeah. That's what my feeling was. Yeah, another thing sis, my brother. Jampijinpa Hargraves

JNP: Yeah,.

Matt: I spoke with him this morning.

JNP: Yeah.

Matt: And before I came back, at Kings Canyon, he said bro I'm with you all the way.

JNP: Yeah.

Matt: So we both Jampijinpa and we're fighting strong for our people.

JNP: Yeah. Good, good. I mean, ultimately, this is what it's all about, right? It's about creating opportunity for the future.

Matthew: Exactly

JNP: And that's what the aim has to be. Yeah, yeah. Yeah okay.

Gavin: So the motion didn't get up this time, so they'll, they'll probably go back to the sort of, you know, start strategizing that mob I would imagine.

JNP: Yep.

Gavin: And you know, In saying that Jacinta, it sounds like, you know, the whole room.

JNP: Yeah.

Gavin: It's a huge step, it's a massive step.

JNP: Yeah,.

Matthew: It's history

Gavin: It's history. it is history.

JNP: Yeah,.

Gavin: You can understand why people are nervous to make that move.

Matt: Me and my brother been at the front thing with the whatever the media? Me and Jampijinpa, two Jampijinpa brothers

JNP: Yeah, yeah.

Matt: We'll be on the front page.

JNP: Yeah yep.

Matt: Who likes it or not.

JNP: Yeah absolutely. No, we can we can get some, support, for your mob. So you can go out with your story and what you need. And I reckon we, if find a really good journalist, to support you. I think Matt Cunningham might be a good one. I've got to check if he's around or not, because I think he might be away, but, he's probably a good one because, you know, he follows what's going on in the Territory all the time. And he'll, you know, he'll go out to communities as well because some journalists won't bother. But he's good like that. Yeah. So what I'll do is I'll go go do that. Go find one. And and Gavin, Damo in my office will help pull something together. So we can we can do this, right, you know, so it doesn't slip through the cracks. And so your message gets out there strong.

Matt: Very important. Yeah, gotta get it right.

Gavin: Yeah good one. Will you speak to Damo Jacinta?

JNP: Yep. I'm, I'll have a conversation with him and yeah, I mean, feel free to call him as well, but I'll have a quick conversation with him now.

Gavin: If you, if you call him first and I'll follow up this afternoon.

JNP: Yep no worries.

Gavin: Anything else boys?

Matthew: Kerle thank you sis

Gavin: We'll have another chat

Lindsay: Yeah we'll have another chat after because the angle I come from with my little group is that when you're trying to get economic development back to get our mob back out working Yeah. I mean it's also you gotta be talking about that rural college...you know kids have got to go to a rural college

JNP: Yes.

Lindsay: And then straight out into the place and learn how to work back with cattle again

JNP: Exactly.

Lindsay: On their own territories.

JNP: And you know what ILSC removed that funding from the NTCA to do that. And they should never have done that. The only reason I did that, because I said NTCA is not an indigenous organisation. Well, that's bullshit, if they're producing outcomes for our young people, and they're supporting indigenous stockmen and women you know, to get qualified, then it should just they should just continue to support it. And I know that NTCA are trying to get funding from elsewhere to keep them going. And I was going to maybe try and ask Gina Rinehart to put some money into that. But again, if I was Minister, I would tell ILSC no, don't do that, just continue to fund them. But these are the things that need to change.

Lindsay: and that funding can go to any other business you go one, three, five, seven years.

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: What they've been doing is giving you money for one year, maybe a possible three. But then only half funding, so they fall over so you know, then people say well black fellas can't run their own business.

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: But that's bullshit, they're never given the opportunity.

JNP: No that's right, that's right. That's exactly right.

Gavin: Anything else on the meeting that you wanted to...?

Matt: [Inaudible] No so that's when the meeting dates so I'm gonna get back in to Gavin to confirm those dates at the celebration on the bungalow in Alice. Then when that's finished around about Monday, all the delegates move to Ross River that's where the meeting's gonna be.

JNP: Okay. Yeah.

Matt: But I'll get the dates sis.

Yeah, get in touch with Gavin and call you back on that aye.

JNP: Yeah,

Matt: Exact dates

JNP: that'd be good.

Matt: Yeah, but it's on October.

JNP: Ok

Matt: We're just warm up at the moment. Yep. Then we go on fire then.

JNP: Awesome, alright.

Matt: Thank you my sister.

Gavin: just let me know if you need anything Jacinta?

JNP: No worries. Will do. And. Yeah. Take care you mob. And, God bless you all. And we'll we'll get this done.

Matt: And before you go sis.

JNP: Yeah.

Matt: See what I heard? You know, if you don't get the power, you know what's that mean?

JNP: Okay? So we've got to win. We got to kick Albanese out of the next federal election. That might be election might be called early. And if it does, it might be around December. So basically, I'm pretty safe. I'll get voted in, but all my other colleagues around the country, we've got to get the majority so that we can get back in the government. And if we get back in the government, then I will be the Minister for Indigenous Australians. So so I mean, ultimately we gotta get rid of Marion. So we kick her out.

Matt: Yeah. So I heard that somewhere in the pipeline too.

Gavin: We gotta make sure the next time[inaudible] the next time you've got all your delegates together, at this next meeting, you need to be telling that mob what Jacinta's saying so they go back to their communities and they make sure they pave the way so that this can happen.

JNP: Yeah.

Lindsay: So this can happen so you can become federal minister.

JNP: That's right. So we're going to we're going to forget it. Stop listening to Labour and all their bullshit. You know, they want to keep Aboriginal people on welfare and dependent, you know,

Matthew: Oh yeah yep yep

JNP: and, Alison Anderson, she's been working for Chansey again. He is probably paying her thousands of dollars to get everyone to vote for him.

Matthew: Yeah they done it here last month. Well, when you had the power before Labor got in, why didn't they do it then?

JNP: Because, well, there was so this, there was bloody, who was my predecessor? Ken Wyatt didn't know enough about it. Ken Wyatt didn't have a clue about that sort of thing, he's trying to be everybody's friend and do everything this way and that way. And. Nigel. Nigel, Nigel. Nigel was just too friendly with all the land councils. Wanted to be everyone's best friend. Really? I mean, I'm the one that's that. You know, I don't mind upsetting people if I've got to get a job done. And it's the first time these mob have had someone like me in their ranks to say, no, no, no, this is what needs to happen. This is what needs to go on. I'm prepared to create change. And this is the very reason why I decided to put my hand up in the first place. So that's why, you know, other people have been to either not known enough or been too reluctant or too scared, whereas, well, you know me, I'm not scared to get out there and make these changes. So the changes.

Lindsay: That's why nobody likes me, you're the same as me, you call a spade a spade, if they don't like it too bad.

JNP: Exactly.

Gavin: What's the chance of an early election?

JNP: It's probably quite likely where we're preparing for. Anything to go early, a possible December 7th election. Because right now, like, things aren't looking good for Albanese. And while he doesn't slip too much further down in the polls, he'll probably want to hedge his bets and go early to try and get over the line. But, we're preparing for anything, at the moment, so we don't mind if he does go early because we think we're pretty in a pretty good position, to try and get back into government as well.

Matt: And like you said, like you said is that, doesn't matter if you don't win the election, right? Yeah. You said you're still in - will you still have the power to get this thing rolling or what? Move forward?

JNP: Yeah, if they

Matt: We'll have the numbers.

JNP: Yeah.

Matthew: No doubt about it. Yeah, yeah. Just to keep people try to work as a Kardiya (white fella) way.

JNP: Yeah. Yes.

Matt: That sort of thing I want to get that straight.

JNP: Yep. Well I can help you with that.

Matt: Oh good

JNP: And and and so what what would have to do is if we didn't get back in, we would have to push and push and push, and we'd have to give the government a hard enough time and run them through the wringer and advocate, till till they have no other choice but to do, what has been, you know, pushed on to them to do. And I can help with that as well. You know, that's part...

Matt: But they can see that in the bloody news or whatever in the media or on the newspapers.

JNP: That's why that.

Matt: That's nearly a hundred people going for the same thing

JNP: Yeah.

Matt: And government cant, go any other way

JNP: Well that's exactly right.

Matt: They've got to listen to us. Even me and you sis, they gotta listen to us. It's not their option..

JNP: That's exactly right, that's exactly right.

Gavin: Yeah. All right, well, anyway, let's get this media thing out Jacinta if you can.

JNP: Yep.

Gavin: And yeah, I can, I can be working with Matt and Lindsay and co. to to you know, do whatever it needs to make sure that this story gets as much impact as it deserves.

JNP: Yeah, yes, absolutely. And because, you know, we just got to keep hitting them hard. You know, after this story, if it's another one, if there needs to be a follow up, but keep it in the media spotlight, then that's how you apply pressure.

Matt: And let Australia know, let the whole Australia know about it.

JNP: Exactly. Exactly.

Matt: Yeah. Oh. I'm support.

JNP: Yes. Yeah. And I look, this is the way we're going to bring about change. So there's a the territory election coming up. If we get Jared over the line for Gwoja, he's going to fight hard. He's going to be in a good position then. And it's even better if we've got if he's in Gwoja and he's supporting that seat. And if I'm in federally then we're even stronger to bring about the changes that we need to bring.

Matt: I heard that man this morning. Only this morning I said no no, I didn't know him.

JNP: Yeah.

Matt: So he's standing. What about Chansey? He's for Gwoja too

JNP: Yeah so he's challenging Chansey.

Matt: Good. Yeah. Well. Yeah. That's good. Mwere anthere (really good)

JNP: I'll get him. I'll bring him out there too to that meeting as well.

Matt: Okay. Thank you. Yeah. Yeah, yeah. Thank you sis. Yeah. Yeah by next week I'll give you the right details.

JNP: Yep. No worries.

All right. Bye. All right, guys. Thank you. No worries. You take care. Yeah. Yeah.

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Hey let me know what I can do for this media stuff. I can flick the EP at 7:30 an email re wanting to discuss on Monday, but will need to know what we're wanting to raise exactly before I do. I did made the tweaks to the media release as attached, but let me know if there are additions from those CLC members that you want me to do. I think we should get back into reception this afternoon, so I'm happy to help where I can. Thanks

2:17 pm ✓



SENATOR JACINTA NAMPIJINPA PRICE
Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians
Senator for the Northern Territory

18 July 2024

CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL TAKES MATTERS INTO THEIR OWN HANDS

A vote of no confidence carried this afternoon at a meeting of the Central Land Council has shown yet again that the needs and concerns of Indigenous Australians are not a priority for the Albanese Government.

In September last year, the Coalition moved a motion calling for an inquiry into the governance of the Land Councils, however the Albanese government refused to heed that call. Now the Central Land Council, at the request of the chair Matt Palmer, have agreed to dismiss their CEO due to unprofessional conduct.

Senator Nampijinpa Price said “the Albanese government has presided over the ongoing failure of NAAJA, has ironically given boards with domestic violence offenders money to deliver domestic violence prevention services, and overseen the inexplicable cessation of ABA grants for Homelands.

Following this afternoon’s vote, will the Albanese government now just leave the Central Land Council members to march on by themselves? Will they simply label this an isolated issue and continue to pretend that issues like this are not also present in other aboriginal organisations?

“At the end of the day, it is the most marginalised Indigenous Australians who suffer when aboriginal organisations are not held to a proper standard. Minister Linda Burney needs to step up and actively ensure these organisations are being run to the highest standard possible; the same standard we would apply to any other organisation in Australia,” said Senator Nampijinpa Price.

“If Minister Burney continues to let these organisations off the hook as she has done with other Indigenous-run organisations, she is simply revealing the racist low expectations she holds with respect to Indigenous Australians, and doing nothing to actually improve the lives of those people she claims to represent,” Senator Nampijinpa Price said.

Senator Nampijinpa Price said a review into the Land Rights Act must be conducted to ensure greater transparency and accountability. “For too long the status quo has overseen an arrangement whereby traditional owners are land rich but dirt poor, and have little hope of being empowered to use the resources available to them to build their own economic independence.”

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**Damian Wilks**

Have chatted with Gav. Very little point putting something out now on Friday arvo, especially with the RNC going on.

We're going to work on a release over the weekend and get it out on Sunday to make it a news story for Monday AM.

Once the release goes out from Matt Palmer Bek should call Paige Taylor offering comment from JNP as a way of making sure its written about. Bek can also message radio stations once the release is out to see who might want you for Monday morning as well, as well as telling the 7:30 producer that its something you should talk about with your interview with Sarah.

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CLC Council voice no confidence in CEO Lesley Turner

Media Release, 20 July, 2024

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Mr Turner has been at the helm of CLC since April 2021.

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Mr Matthew Palmer, CLC Chair, said, “The voices of people in community have been ignored for too long and many in this community are being kept in poverty.

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While CLC values are driven by Aboriginal world views, members are insistent this needs to go further for tangible on-the-ground change. Along with radical action and progress, some members strongly support a breakaway Arrente Land Council.

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Damo have they sent you anything further for the release? Or do you want me to put the release we drafted the other day as it is? 2:36 pm

DW

Damian Wilks

Jacinta Price

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Has it been deleted for everyone else? 2:54 pm



Mine seems to be there still but I can't read bc behind paywall 2:54 pm

DW

Damian Wilks

the paywall thumbnail it still there, but I clicked on story with my account and that's what I got 2:55 pm

Oh yeah I just tried through isentia and seems to be gone 2:55 pm

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Damian Willis

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Okay - and it went out yesterday? 2:57 pm ✓

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Damian Willis

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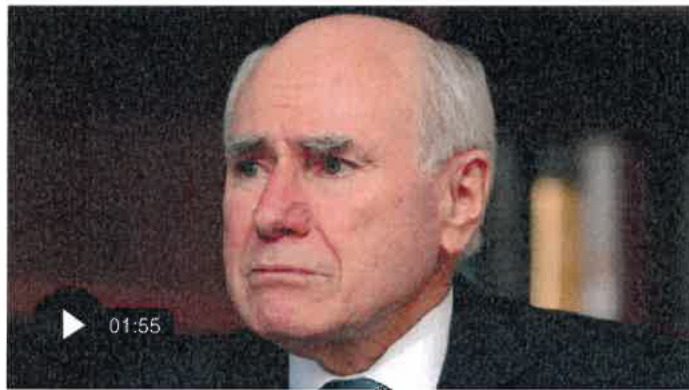
Lindsay Turner dumped as Central Land Council chief executive

A Northern Territory land council has moved to sack its chief executive, citing ongoing poverty and poor conditions. Read what happened.

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NT News



John Howard: Northern Territory government repeating past failures

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There has been change at the top of the Central Land Council, with the board moving against chief executive Lesley Turner, who has held the position since April 2021.

Following two years of tumult in Central Australian indigenous communities sparked by the removal of intervention era grog bans, the Central Land Council has separately moved to draw a line in the sand on a particularly difficult era for the organisation and the people it represents.

[The move comes amid rumours of a potential split within the Central Land Council](#), with a breakaway organisation made up of Arrernte people under discussion.

Amid surging crime and high-profile acts of violence in and around Alice Springs, the Commonwealth launched an extraordinary intervention in January last year by ordering the Territory government to reinstate community grog bans.



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The intervention came with a \$250m cash gift from the Commonwealth to the Territory government to try and reduce crime in the town.

Despite the commitment of additional cash and resources, the government has since declared two curfews in Alice Springs this year as issues around crime and anti-social behaviour have continued.

In a statement released on Saturday, CLC chairman Matt Palmer said council members had expressed dissatisfaction with the current state of the organisation's operations, which it believes has "failed to address basic needs of Aboriginal people across the region, weakening many communities and contributing to increasingly worse conditions".

He said that at a full meeting of the CLC council last week, members moved a motion of instant dismissal against Mr Turner.

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 Matthew Palmer CLC chair. Picture: Supplied

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Mr Palmer said while CLC values were driven by Aboriginal world views, members insist this needs to go further for tangible on-the-ground change.

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some members strongly support a breakaway Arrernte Land Council.

He said the time of unfulfilled promises and delay was over.

“We are demanding real impacts and accountability, delivered directly to CLC members – where they live, with what is needed to thrive,” he said. “This is what self-determination looks like.”

[The CLC media statement quoted Lindsay Watson at Alcoota Station](#) who said it was time for serious change.

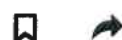
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The NT News has attempted to contact Mr Turner for comment.

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 Media Release - CLC Takes Matters into their own Hands.docx

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Is everyone happy for me to send out this media release? Amended so it doesn't say CEO was dismissed.

3:12 pm

Ideas on a comment for Paige Taylor (or whichever journo we decide to go with) re CLC decision:

This is a defining moment in government-land council relations. It presents a fork in the road whereby the government must now choose whether it will keep the status quo or take notice of what people on the ground are trying to tell them - that the current system is failing.

It is evident that land councils are not delivering for indigenous people in the way they need to be, so much so that Council members are now losing faith in their own leaders. If the government won't listen to its people and intervene in a situation like this, Australians should have no confidence that they are fit to continue representing and running this country.

3:36 pm



Jacinta Price

Can we please have an fb post also with article go up tonight?

4:57 pm

Do you mean with the NT News article?

4:58 pm



Damian Wilks

NT news have taken it down. Thumbnail still presents but nothing behind it

4:59 pm

Yeah and it looks like all the syndicates have taken down, too

4:59 pm

21/07/2024



Jacinta Price

Strange 5:33 pm

Are they having to make corrections perhaps? 5:33 pm

I didn't think they actually got rid of Les 5:33 pm

Rather he survived the coup and they've drawn a line 5:34 pm

Yep I think so. That's why we've just been waiting to confirm with the people from CLC exactly what's happened if I'm not wrong? 5:35 pm



Damien Willis

Yeah 5:50 pm

Gavin is still awol 5:50 pm

Definitely looks like an error in the original report 5:50 pm

Just spoke with Gavin. Confirmed the NT news misreported. Really up to us now to give it some momentum.

With our release Bek, maybe add a line along the lines of , "although unsuccessful the motion was backed by the CLC chair Matt Palmer, who said "The voices of people in community have been ignored for too long and many in this community are being kept in poverty. Voices are ignored, people left behind and the vision of CLC has been lost. There is majority support for change of direction and leadership in the CLC. It is time to get things done that matter for the people in the heartland and homelands of the CLC...Hard questions need to be asked. Why are there Traditional Owners still living in tin sheds? Why are we still vulnerable while living on our homelands? Where have all the funds and resources gone that should be getting to our grass-roots, to make a difference for our mob?" 6:55 pm

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21/07/2024

So sorry - yes will do this now. Do we still want to get this out today or are people more likely to pick it up if I send tomorrow? Easy either way. 8:08 pm

Media Release - CLC Takes Matters into their own Hands.docx 2 pages • DOCX • 16 kb 8:25 pm

Let me know if this is good to go. 8:25 pm



Damien Willis

Pending Boss' approval, send it then follow up with calls etc tomorrow morning 8:31 pm

Okay sure will send tonight once approved. Thank you. 8:31 pm



Jacinta Price

Approved 9:01 pm

Release has been sent. I will follow up with media outlets in the morning to see if anyone wants to line anything up about this. Have also sent to the EP at 7:30 to try and get it on the show tomorrow with Sarah 9:18 pm

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Heads up I've been called by a media person at the CLC - tried to call her back but couldn't get through so not sure what she wants. Will keep you all updated...

11:13 am

Have just forwarded you both the email from them. They want a retraction. Not sure if one of you want to speak to your contacts at the CLC to clarify the situation? I'm happy to call someone at CLC, just not sure if adding another contact (me) into the mix is helpful at this point?

11:24 am

I'm going to hold off on contacting/locking in any media about this story until we have it sorted.

11:29 am



Jacinta Price

It seems the CLC are trying to cover it all up

11:39 am



We have the motion

11:39 am



Damian Wilks

speaking with Matt and Gavin now...

11:43 am



Matt is saying there was a vote, just unsuccessful

11:44 am



they going to put a list together of people who can say that the vote occurred.

11:47 am

Is there any chance it wasn't a FULL meeting of the Council members last week? Was there more than one meeting this month? Because their release specifically says full meeting, and I wonder if there's something in that?

11:47 am

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To: Jacinta Nampijinpa [REDACTED] Wilks, Damian (Sen J. Nampijinpa Price)
Subject: Fwd: CLC statement

Rebekah Hart
Media Adviser
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Senator for the Northern Territory
Shadow Minister for Indigenous Australians
[REDACTED]

From: Tess O'Loughlin [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 22, 2024 11:49:42 AM
To: Hart, Rebekah (Sen J. Nampijinpa Price) [REDACTED]
Subject: CLC statement

Hi Rebekah,

Thanks for your time on the phone just now. As mentioned, we are asking for the retraction of Senator Price's statement yesterday as it is factually incorrect. We have issued a statement of our own this morning, stating that there was no motion to dismiss Central Land Council's chief executive Mr Lesley Turner at its full council meeting last week.

I have attached the statement for your reference.

Kind regards,

Tess O'Loughlin
ACTING MANAGER - COMMUNICATIONS
Central Land Council
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CLC statement

The Central Land Council is governed by the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* and scrupulously adheres to the Act.

Senator Jacinta Price's statement and the NT News report are inaccurate. There was no motion to dismiss Central Land Council's chief executive Mr Lesley Turner at its full council meeting last week.

Mr Turner is the CEO of the Central Land Council. Council delegates and staff of the CLC remain focused and continue to act in the interests of traditional owners and Aboriginal people across its region.

No further comment will be provided at this time.

22 July 2024