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Affidavit

No. NTD 17 of 2024

Federal Court of Australia
District Registry: Northern Territory
Division: General

LESLEY TURNER

Applicant

JACINTA NAMPIJINPA PRICE

Respondent

Affidavit of: **Andrew John Chalk**



Address: [Redacted]

Occupation: Lawyer and strategic consultant

Date: 20 February 2025

I, Andrew John Chalk, of [Redacted] say on oath/affirm:

1. I am a strategic consultant, founder and principal of the firm Chalk & Behrendt Lawyers and Consultants.
2. In 1991, I was admitted as a solicitor in New South Wales. In the early part of my career I worked in the administrative and environmental law teams of a national law firm and for the NSW Aboriginal Legal Service.
3. In 1996, I founded the firm Andrew Chalk Associates, which later became Chalk & Behrendt. Until June 2023, I practised as one of the firm's legal directors. I have now stepped down from that role, but I continue to work at the firm as a strategic consultant and honorary director.

Filed on behalf of	Lesley Turner, applicant	
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4. Throughout my career, my focus has been on providing legal and consulting advice to Indigenous organisations and leadership in areas such as land rights, native title, cultural heritage, agreement-making, environmental and planning law, administrative law, governance and compliance, and economic and policy development.
5. I have represented Indigenous bodies in relation to the enactment of the *Native Title Bill 1993* and the Act's amendment in 1997-1998, acted on numerous successful Aboriginal land claim appeals in New South Wales, conducted successful native title claims in New South Wales and Queensland and advised Aboriginal Land Councils and representative bodies throughout Australia for many years.
6. I first met Les Turner about 15 years ago through his work at the NSW Aboriginal Land Council, including through his role as the Deputy CEO, and then later the CEO. I also had some dealings with him in his role as the CEO of the NSW Aboriginal Legal Service.
7. Because Les and I have both spent most of our careers working with Indigenous organisations, many of my friends and colleagues are also professionally acquainted with Les.
8. Prior to July 2024, Les was highly regarded among the people I know. He was widely regarded as an excellent administrator who was well-suited to his role at the Central Land Council. He had a reputation, which from my own experience of Les was very well deserved, for being reliable and trustworthy, and for being prepared to make decisions which were not always popular.
9. Les was seen by those I know as patient, polite, quiet, and gentlemanly in manner. He was known for being a very good listener, and for being open to being persuaded about things.


A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Raymond', with a smaller signature below it.

Sworn/~~affirmed~~ by the deponent
at Sydney
in the state of New South Wales
on 20 February 2025
Before me:

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Signature of deponent



Signature of witness

ARIELLA BUCCI,
SOLICITOR