



THERAPY SET FOR BARKLY REGION FACILITY

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Beven, has today placed the Barkly Region Alcohol and Drug Abuse Advisory Group Aboriginal Corporation (BRADAAG) under special administration.

BRADAAG was established in 1982 to provide a safe sobering-up shelter for Aboriginal people. More than 35 years on, the organisation has evolved to provide residential rehabilitation, counselling, outreach and education services to address drug and alcohol issues. It also plays an advocacy role for these services in the Tennant Creek region.

In the 2015–16 financial year BRADAAG received \$3.4 million in government grants and \$179,000 in fees from clients.

On 27 April 2017 the corporation transferred its registration from the Northern Territory *Associations Act* to the Commonwealth *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act). The transfer recognises that the majority of BRADAAG’s clients are Aboriginal people. The majority of the directors and members of the corporation are now also Aboriginal people.

Registration under the CATSI Act allowed the directors of BRADAAG to ask the Registrar’s office for support to reform the corporation in the form of a special administration.

‘For over 30 years BRADAAG has helped Aboriginal people battling alcohol and drug addictions,’ Mr Beven said. ‘I have intervened today to help this essential service keep its doors open.’

The Registrar has appointed Mr Peter McQuoid from the Brisbane-based firm of PDM Consultancy as the special administrator of the corporation until 10 November 2017.

The special administrator will oversee a restructure of financial and corporate governance systems and procedures to improve BRADAAG’s capacity to provide high-quality support and care to clients, as well as meet operational, regulatory and funding obligations.

Background

For more information about special administrations see the Registrar’s fact sheet *Special administrations: what members and directors should know* available at oric.gov.au.

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