



ABORIGINAL CORPORATION IN AMPILAWATJA SEEKS HELP

Directors of the Alyawarr Ingkerr-wenh Aboriginal Corporation based in Ampilawatja (pronounced *um-blood-a-watch*) in the Northern Territory have asked for help from the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations.

‘This corporation has helped many Alyawarr people but in recent months has struggled with administrative functions,’ the Registrar, Anthony Beven, said. ‘My office will work with the directors to get their corporation back on track.’

The Alyawarr Ingkerr-wenh Aboriginal Corporation was incorporated on 7 February 2007 and is registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act). For most of this time, the corporation has operated well and has made significant inroads into relieving poverty and reducing serious economic disadvantage among the Alyawarr people.

The Alyawarr language region includes the Angarapa Aboriginal Land Trust (Utopia) and Alpururulam (Lake Nash) and covers an area about 300 kilometres northeast of Alice Springs along the Sandover Highway.

The Alyawarr Ingkerr-wenh Aboriginal Corporation’s broad objective is to establish a genuine regional body that draws together the disparate and shared interests among smaller communities that share a common language. Its members are Alyawarr people while ‘Ingkerr-wenh’ means ‘altogether’.

The Registrar has appointed Peter McQuoid of PDM Consultancy as the special administrator of the corporation for a period of six months.

‘Mr McQuoid and my office will work with members and stakeholders to improve the operational and governance standards of the corporation,’ Mr Beven said. ‘Our key objective is to ensure the corporation is properly resourced and governed.’

The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) will also provide corporate governance training for the directors before the special administration ends on 31 December 2010.

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