



Dunghutti Elders Council loses latest appeal

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Mr Anthony Beven, has today noted the Full Federal Court's decision to dismiss an application by the Dunghutti Elders Council (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC to re-open or vacate the decision of the court handed down on 21 July.

On 21 July 2011 Chief Justice Keane and Justices Lander and Foster dismissed an appeal by the corporation against a decision of Justice Flick. On 14 April 2011 Justice Flick had dismissed an application by the corporation for declarations and an injunction to prevent the Registrar from placing it under special administration.

The corporation has made a further application to the Full Federal Court, which will return to court on Monday, 29 August 2011.

Background

The Dunghutti Elders Council (Aboriginal Corporation) RNTBC was incorporated on 11 November 1996 and is registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*. It is a registered native title body corporate that manages native title claims and holds compensation funds from native title claims on behalf of the Dunghutti people in the Kempsey region of New South Wales.

In 1997 and 2010 the corporation was paid \$738 000 and \$6.1 million respectively by the New South Wales Government as compensation for the extinguishment of Dunghutti native title at Crescent Head in New South Wales.

On 11 February 2011 the Registrar issued a notice to the corporation asking it to show cause why it should not be placed under special administration.

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