



FORMER DARWIN CEO COMMITTED TO STAND TRIAL IN NT SUPREME COURT

The former chief executive officer of the North Australian Aboriginal Family Violence Legal Services Aboriginal Corporation (NAAFVLS), Ms Veronica Cubillo, has today been committed for trial in the Northern Territory Supreme Court on 11 charges.

NAAFVLS is based in Darwin in the Northern Territory and provides legal services and assistance to the victims of family violence and sexual assault in 20 Aboriginal communities in the Northern Territory.

The charges were brought under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act) and the Criminal Code (NT) by the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Beven. Ms Cubillo was originally charged with four charges under the CATSI Act and eight under the Criminal Code. She has been committed on revised charges—six under the CATSI Act and five under the Criminal Code.

The charges relate to Ms Cubillo misusing NAAFVLS' funds and forging documents to obtain financial benefits for herself totalling \$9,574.50. One charge alleges Ms Cubillo was intentionally dishonest and failed to exercise her powers and duties for a proper purpose in relation to the use of funds that were granted to NAAFVLS following a funding application she submitted to a private company for \$10,000.

Ms Cubillo will appear in the Supreme Court in Darwin on 13 October 2014 for arraignment.

The matter is being prosecuted by the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions.

Background

For further information on this case see the Registrar's media release of 24 October 2013 (MR1314-11).

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