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Central Land Council
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Central Land Council Member Feedback

To Lesley Turner,

We've organised a working group of CLC members and collated our feedback for your review.

Problems with CLC

- Misidentification in family groups.
- They cause division by only consulting with certain TO's (Usually the yes people) in one family and ignore others. Also disrespect Kwerdangul (Do not class them as land owners/officers).
- They don't speak to the right owners, they don't take the right people out to see the country.
- Certainly, no understanding and acknowledgement to traditional owners of respective lands and land trusts by CLC anthropologists and the so called lawyers not even the CEO.
- We don't get enough information in a way that we understand. Why do you withhold our own information and keep it confidential.
- They divide our family members. They make us fight. We know who we are they divide us in the wrong way. Not according to our Jukurrpa
- CLC are breaking our Jukurrpa they don't understand it. We don't want other groups and people coming into our Jukurrpa they have their own.
-The gatekeepers at clc should be working with us and for us and they should learn. If you don't understand you shouldn't be in that position.

Proposed changes to CLC

- Establish all land trusts as new service managers to manage land matters
- We want new people in the land council. We want good people who know how to work properly with Yapa.
- We want to change policies, so our laws are not broken.
- Would like see Anthropologists work with correct TOs. It causes arguments amongst family groups.
- They have well documented family trees going back to the original land claims. Why do not utilise them when dealing with TO's
- Introduce a "Reeducation camp" or Cultural Consultation Committee: A select committee of elders to reinstate cultural/tribal protocols and deliver appropriate cultural consultation to those in need of it. CLC's corporate policies and/or practices should not in any way override or undermine Tribal Law.
- We need to put all gatekeepers at CLC under review.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these changes to make the CLC a better organisation for everyone.