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### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014**

By this letter Wunan Foundation Inc. communicates its support for the above Bill and its proposed amendments to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005.

We believe the measures contained in the Bill will serve to:

- Strengthen and protect the Land Account for future generations
- Ensure the Land Account is used appropriately and only for land-related purposes
- Provide for greater Indigenous input and involvement
- Enforce high standards of corporate governance in the ILC
- Allow the Land Account to grow in real terms

The above also serves to protect the Land Account against changes in the political climate, which is essential to avoid it being used for different purposes than its original charter.

It is our belief that enactment of the Bill will protect and strengthen the Land Account to fulfil its original purpose; to compensate those unable to benefit from the Native Title Act. This is a fundamental recognition of past injustice and dispossession, and acknowledgement of the special relationship Indigenous peoples have to land.

Wunan supports the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014

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