



Kakadu Billabong Safari Camp Pty Ltd

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The Chair

Senate Standing Committees on Economics

Parliament House

Canberra 2600 ACT

Dear Chair,

Please find below a brief outline of the issues I would like to bring to your attention regarding the Atomic Energy Amendment (Mine Rehabilitation and Closure) Bill 2022.

Background History

My people have been known as the so called **Gagudju people** but this was the name of one of the last known languages in the park that has now died out connected to the Bunidj Clan of the East Alligator Area -Ubirr.

The Gagudju Association which our Elders had established when Kakadu was declared a National Park in 1980 and mining activities commenced.

We were once made up of many happy clans that were spread out throughout the park and also the region living in harmony until the Mining activities started and the establishment of the National Park, my point is that we had no idea we would be affected this much by what goes on at this mine.

I speak for and on behalf of my family and clan members only and express concern that our clan and others have mentioned too that they have not been involved in the rehabilitation meetings and certainly not been consulted enough I feel, our family is very outspoken may be one of the reasons however because of this it has cause issues being almost outcasted because of past disputes this has caused unrest amongst us, which has created animosity and because of this some of us have been hesitant to attend those series of meetings.

Our concern is and the concern for most of us living in this Kakadu and nearby communities, is we're afraid of our businesses missing out on the activities of the mining wind down..

We want to ensure that our businesses will stand to benefit from the winding down of the mine and related activities.

Because of the clans divisions with the main clan group the Mirarr who are Traditional Owners Mirarr Land and represent the Gundjehmi Aboriginal Corporation.

- I'm concerned that we have not been consulted about this bill and have been consistently shut out of any discussion about the Ranger Mine and are not aware of any future benefits that may flow from the activities.
- We are concerned that any benefits, planning and wider involvement regarding the rehabilitation of this mine will not extend to all clan groups in the area which is what should happen and that **not all** benefits should be concentrated mostly towards the Gundjehmi Aboriginal Corporation, who only represent a small minority of the Mirrar Traditional Owner group. This extends to our local indigenous businesses that should be included in the rehabilitation of some of the following that should be established and created as a part of the **Rehabilitation Policy**.
- **A Criteria for engagement of business or local community** who will assist with the rehabilitation and employment
- support and training for our local indigenous business
- Training Support for our businesses and local community to ensure that we are fully equipped with all the requirements and skills that the mines require for us to work efficiently for the rehabilitation project, some of which are qualified already with the right credentials they need to be work ready if this is required.
- Cultural Awareness be compulsory for all contracted visitors and outsiders and businesses working on the rehabilitation activities to be conducted through all tourism business in the park and or other related entities utilising all of our services from all other available industries . within the park and or otherwise approved through an approval process.

We support the rehabilitation of Ranger mine but we want to ensure that it is for the benefit of all of our clans in the area and that we are inclusive of cultural based activities and knowledge in regards to future processes at the mine.

I would like to state that I do not talk for other clans but **know this** they **other clans and family groups** have said that they are in the same boat in regards to lack of consultations to us other clans.

I come from the Murumburr Clan the central part of Kakadu where we have mainly tourism activities, my mother is the Most Senior Traditional Owner in the Park and amongst the most knowledgeable who has been a part of the early land rights movement in the area and would be happy to talk if required and would be happy to ask others i mentioned would be happy to expand on these issues to the committee during a private or public hearing. If you would like to arrange for this, please contact me and others if required.

Thank you,

Kind Regards

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