Ive a attached a file of the letter Mr Ferguson received some time ago from concerned members of the muckaty community.*

I dont have much to say on this issue, except for please read, and take heed of the community concerns up there. Go and meet with the community leaders and people. Listen to their feelings. Talk about ideas. The community deserves respect.

I ask the government to please listen to aboriginal peoples voices. I want equality in this country. I want have respect for our care and morals as a society again. Please end the intervention and enter into negotiations for state and national treatys between aboriginal and migrant australia.

European Australians need to give aboriginal australians the space, respect and resources to run thier own lives and thier own country.

Its not only aboriginal people who care about this land though. We are moving our conciousness forward as an educated society. Australians love the land and the environment. We want proper environmental protection and care for country.

Please listen to the community, black and white. We look forward with great anticipation to that shining day in the history of Australia that great leadership and vision is shown by the government to progress this issue. It has been done before (sorry day) and it is within all of our grasp to achieve together.

Best wishes

Amanda Rowe

*Note from secretariat - attachment contains 59 signatures, removed for privacy reasons