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**JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AND
TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AFFAIRS
7TH DECEMBER 2022 – DARWIN**

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**DEAR JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON ABORIGINAL AND
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I represent myself, in the capacity as Founder and Director of the Nova Peris Foundation (NPF). I am accompanied with Ms. Constance Puruntatameri & Ms. Nikita Puruntatameri. Both are Munupi, Tiwi women and live in Pirlangimpi, Garden Point, Melville Island of the Tiwi's. They have come to support me as my foundations objectives of job creation is in their community. They are traditional owners of that country.

- o ***Community safety, support services and job opportunities in the Northern Territory, with particular reference to: JOB OPPORTUNITYS AND OTHER MATTERS.***
- 1. NOVA PERIS FOUNDATION presentation.
- 2. Letter response from Hon. Linda Burney MP in relation to Office Township Leasing (OTL) for sublease application
- 3. NPF status as charity
- 4. MUNUPI Family Meeting outcome 'All in Favour' 12th September 2022, minutes tabled at Directors Meeting of MUNUPI Pty Ltd, agreed as a correct record. Attendees attached.
- 5. Munupi proposed site
- 6. OTL response to my questions
- 7. Letter from Mr. Peter Jess, acknowledging TO voice at Munupi full meeting. Power of VETO. TOWNSHIPS, need to have leasing. Individual interface.
- 8. Letter of support from Tiwi Land Council (TLC) Chair and full executive
- 9. TLC Newsletter support
- 10. NPF representation at NT Food Summit
- 11. Tiwi Islands Regional Council Support
- 12. Minister Selena Uibo and Minister Chansey Paech support letter
- 13. [REDACTED] MLA Member for Arafura support letter
- 14. Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation Support Letter
- 15. Yirrkala Site approval
- 16. Yirrkala School support letter
- 17. Aboriginal Investment Group (AIG) partnership letter

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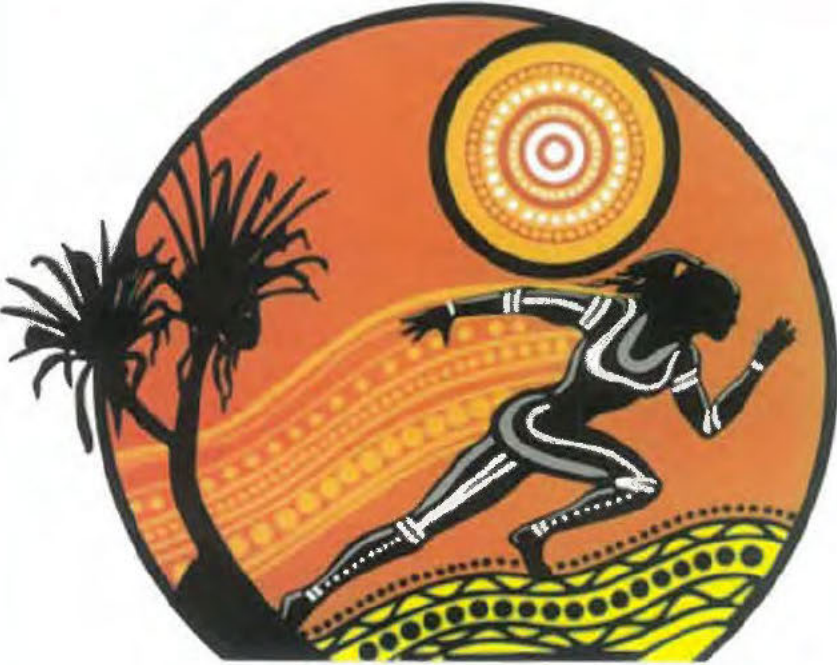
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ADDRESSING
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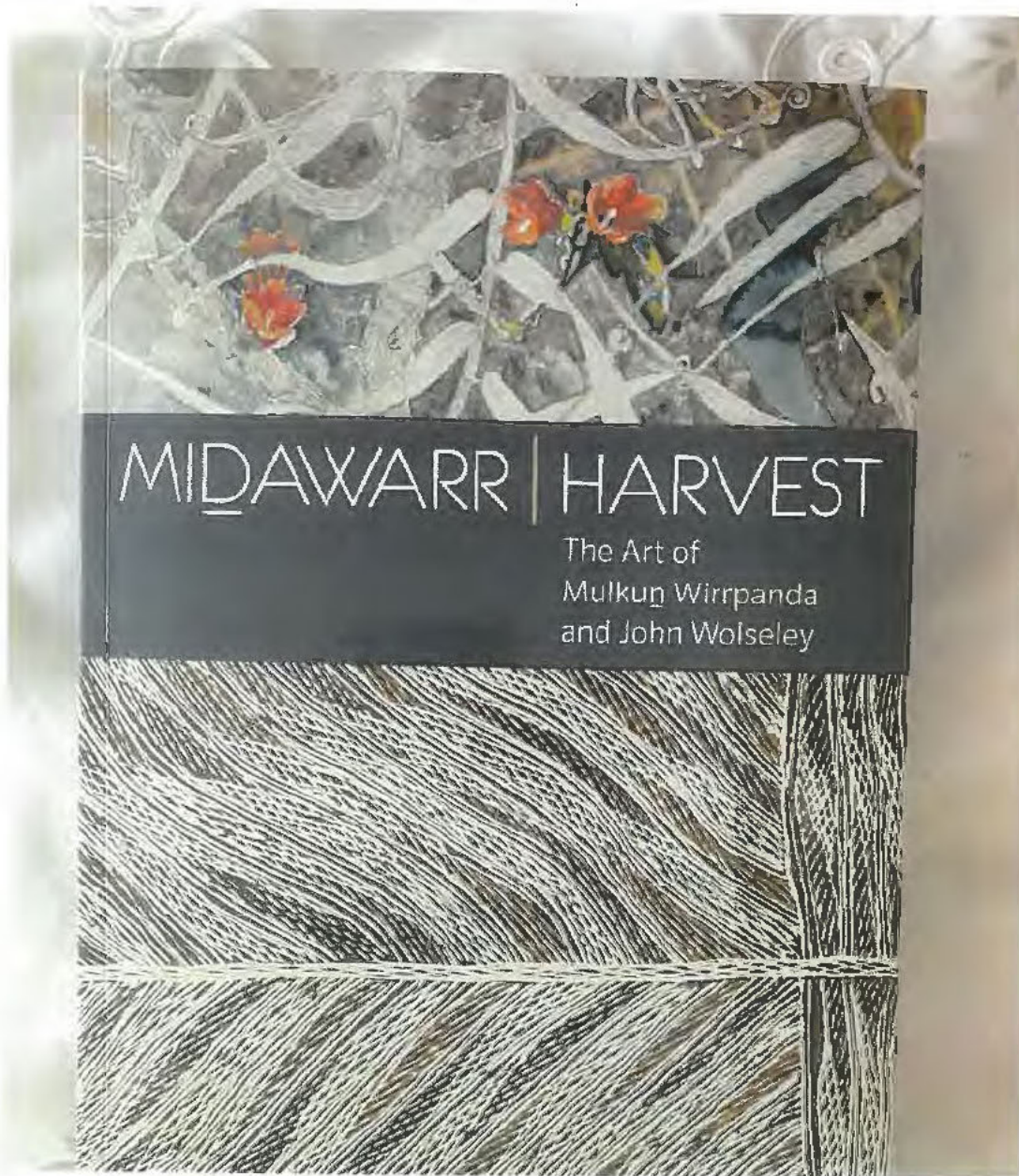
FOOD LADDER



AIG Aboriginal
Investment
Group
BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES



**NOVA PERIS
FOUNDATION**



- "I made this painting after eating bundjunu (bush orange) I was thinking about how we used to eat when I was a child... I was thinking about nowadays... And about the rubbish children eat"
- Mulkun Wirrpanda



Linda Burney MP ✓

@LindaBurneyMP

If we saw the same level of food insecurity in remote Aboriginal communities, in the cities, it would be an absolute scandal.



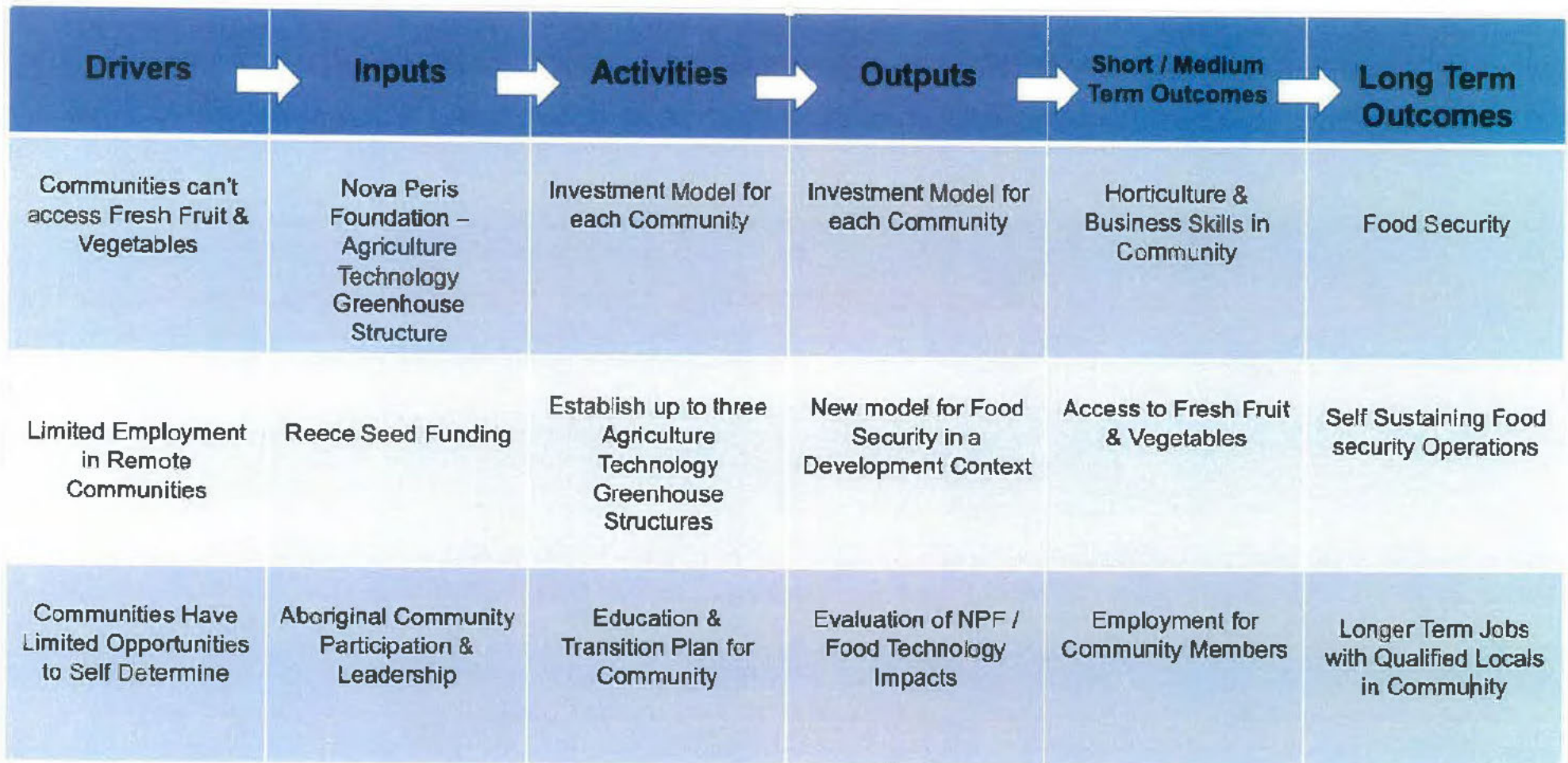
After three reports in over a decade, it's disappointing that the same issues are being raised 11 years later," Ms Burney said.

“How are we suppose to close the gap in quality of life outcomes when we are continuing to witness – in 2020 and in such a wealthy nation – the deprivation of basic items that so many of us in non-remote areas take for granted, like electricity or sufficient refrigeration space.”

• **Nova Peris Foundation Limited (ABN 36 642 989 375)**
**Application for registration as a charity and endorsement
as a deductible gift recipient – by Corrs Chambers
Westgarth**

- It has an impressive board of directors with 60% of that board being Aboriginal people including;
 - **Dr Kris Rallah-Baker**, Australia's first Ophthalmologist.
 - Emeritus Prof. **MaryAnn Bin-Saalik**, the first Aboriginal person to graduate as a trained nurse from Darwin hospital and then the first Aboriginal person to gain a doctorate from Harvard University.
 - **Dr Stephanie Trust**, Principal GP of Wunun Health, her own clinic in the Kimberley.
 - **Dr Jeffrey McMullen**, passionate humanitarian, journalist, author and film maker for over fifty years.
Damien Meredith, Chief Operating Officer of Kia Australia.
 - **Peter Jess**, chartered accountant since the 1970's with his own accountancy firm. Peter has an extensive background amongst a wide range of industries and has deeply invested himself into Aboriginal Affairs having managed both Cathy Freeman and Nicky Winmar as well as many others. Peter is also the NPF treasurer.





Mr Paterson said the summit, attended by representatives from remote communities across the Territory, aimed to address one of the most pressing issues Indigenous communities were facing - food security.

"Given the current pandemic, and when we were in lengthy lockdown periods when food products were very limited, we saw products walking off the shelves," he said.

It had twice the impact on remote communities.

"All their shelves were basically bare."

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"Now the time is perfect for all to figure out how we can best put in strategies and systems and processes so we don't find ourselves in a similar situation (again)."

Mr Paterson said poverty was a major contributor to Indigenous Territorians not having access to healthy food.

"It's a great opportunity for the Commonwealth Aboriginal Workforce Program and JobSeeker to be reformed in a way that enables the employment of those in the food security industry," he said.

"Currently they (welfare payments like JobSeeker) don't provide enough support for people to afford healthy food. They need to support people to able to have long-term sustainable jobs so they have a good income and can afford healthy food."

Mr Paterson said the summit was seeking to establish a storage container in the Territory for non-perishable food items in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

He said moving forward, AMSANT was seeking federal government funding for another summit in 12 months "given the urgency of food security now and making sure we're well-prepared for any future disasters or pandemics".

Former senator and Olympian Nova Peris also attended the summit for a presentation of her Food Ladder project, which provides hydroponic greenhouses to remote communities.

The project, which Ms Peris is doing in partnership with former Territory MLA Ken Vowles, aims to help remote communities with food supply issues.

"The lockdown has been tough for remote people that have had problems with food and supplies. There is so much we think we can do to help" Ms Peris told the NT News last year.

"Ken and I want to give back through the foundation.



CENTRALIAN ADVOCATE

Food security an 'urgent' issue for remote communities: AMSANT boss

An increase to JobSeeker and other federal government subsidies is needed so people in remote communities can afford to buy healthy food, according to the AMSANT boss.

Sarah Matthews, NT News

Subscriber only | July 9, 2021 12:00



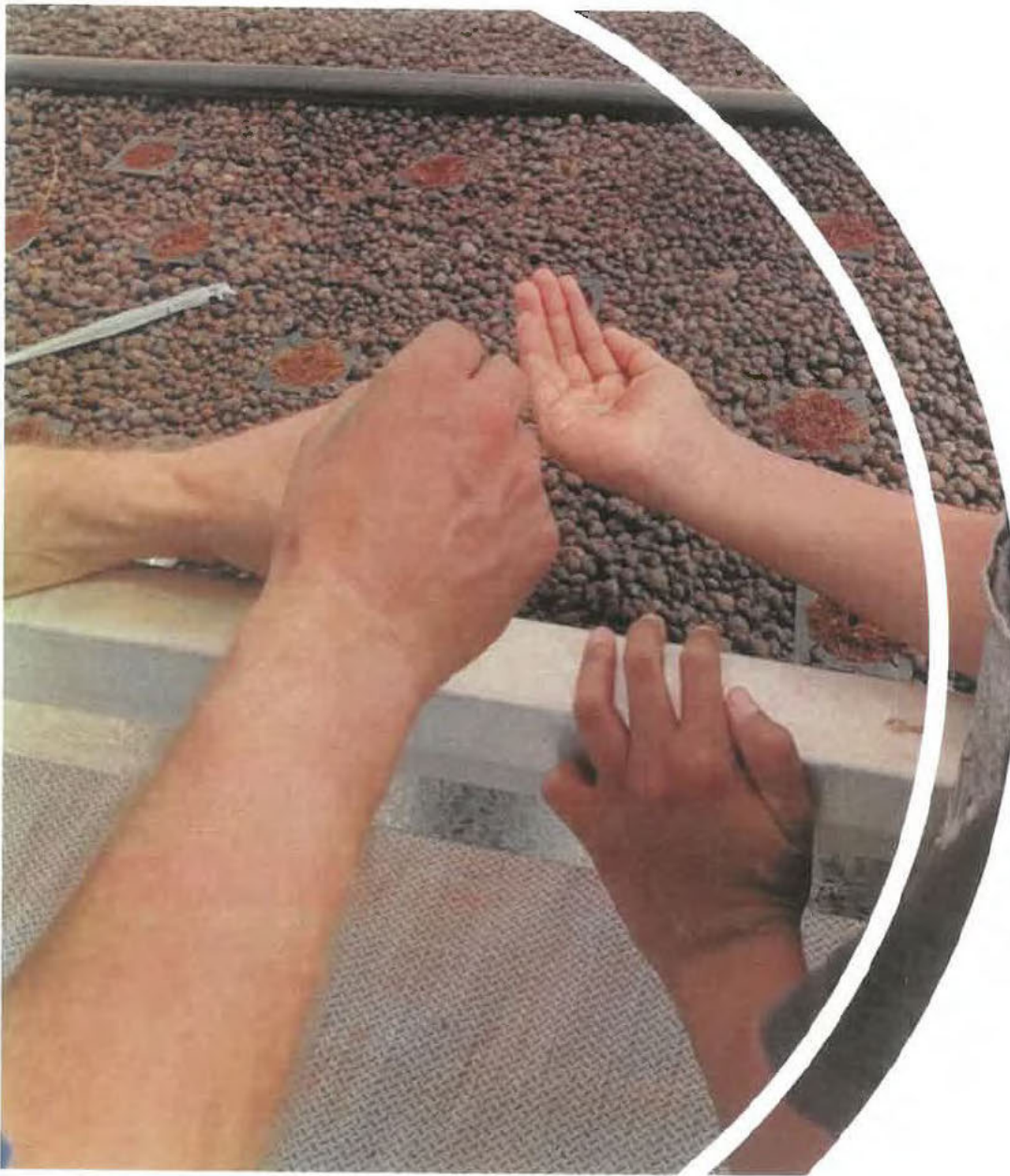


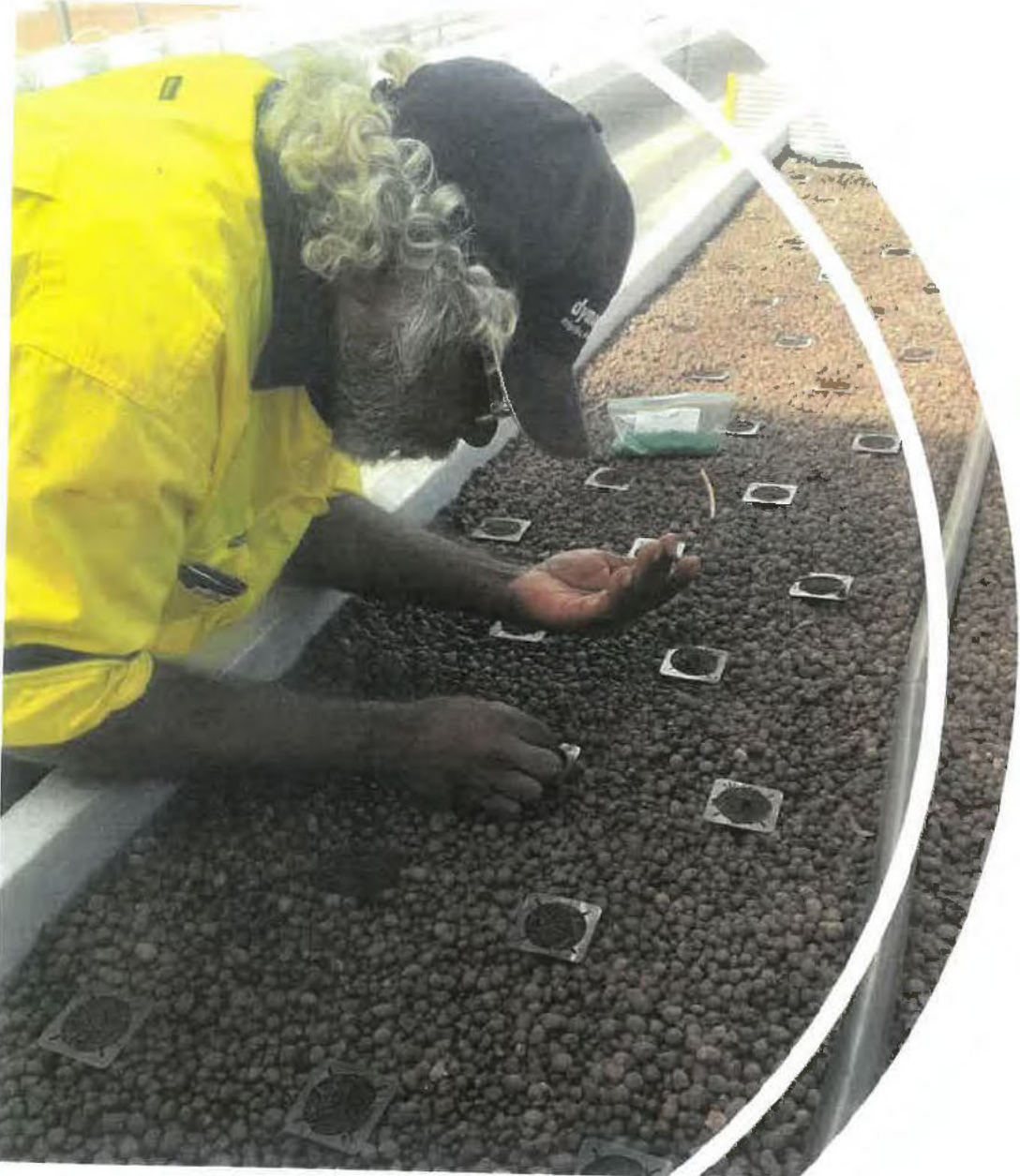


Home garden of Merrkiyawuy
Ganambarr – Yirrkala















- One of the best things about the Food Ladder system is that local students are given the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge in horticulture and learn about the process behind growing their own healthy food.
- These skills not only empower students to grow fresh produce at home, but it increases their job readiness for the future!





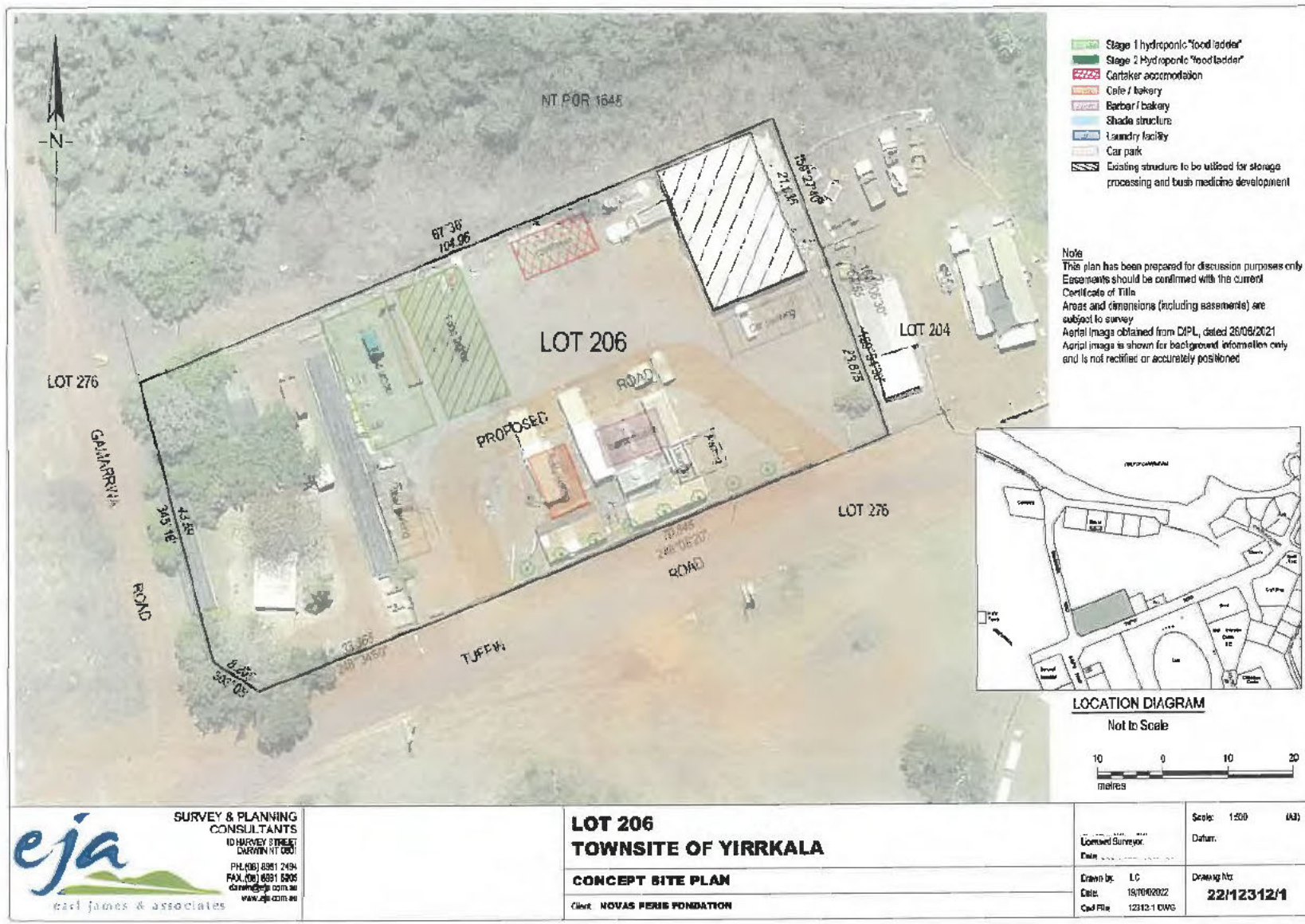
Preliminary Food Ladder Project Specifications



- Wind Region C Structurally rated greenhouse, 10.3m x 21m
- Hot dipped galvanneal steel structure to suit AS 1170 Area C
- Gutter height 2.4m
- Glazied in 8mm and 10mm triple wall polycarbonate
- Motorised shade screen – 240v geared screen motor
- Wet Wall Cooling System with two of exhaust fans, water supply tank and pump.
- Concrete footings for support
- Earth floor with weed matting
- Two of internal hydroponic growing systems
- Water and electrical connection required.

This scope is preliminary and will be finalised during the procurement process.





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TOWNSITE OF YIRRKALA

CONCEPT SITE PLAN

Client: **NOVAS FERIS FOUNDATION**

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PROBLEM
8 out of 10 Aboriginal children living in remote communities are diagnosed with skin sores (ie scabies) before their 1st birthday - if left untreated or poorly treated, scabies can lead to more serious health complications such as kidney and heart disease

SOLUTION
Providing secure, purpose-built, fully automated, and free laundromats to remote communities

OUTCOMES

-  Improved health outcomes through avoided medical conditions
-  Improved quality of life through absence of disease
-  Improved social and economic outcomes, including the creation of 5 sustainable employment positions in each community







The Hon Linda Burney MP
Minister for Indigenous Australians

Reference: MC22-005028

Ms Nova Peris OAM OLY
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Dear Ms Peris *Nova*

Thank you for including me in your correspondence of 30 October 2022 to the Executive Director of Township Leasing regarding your application for sublease and development in Pirlangimpi.

Further to our meeting on 27 October 2022, I acknowledge the important contribution the Nova Peris Foundation makes in supporting First Nations people. I am pleased that you are working directly with the Office of Township Leasing to further understand the decision in question with a view to future planning. I look forward to hearing the outcome of your continued work on this matter.

Yours sincerely



The Hon LINDA BURNEY MP
Minister for Indigenous Australians

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28 NOV 2022



**Munupi Family Meeting
10:30am Monday 12th September 2022
Pirlangimpi Club, Pirlangimpi**

Present: Malcolm Apuatimi, Inigo Warlapinni, Kim Puruntatameri, Cecilia Puruntatameri, Kimberley Puruntatameri, Marie L Alimankinni, Lawrence Warlapinni, Kenny Puruntatameri, Dennis Tipakalippa, Ron Puruntatameri, Romuald Puruntatameri, Bernard puruntatameri, Freddie Apuatimi, John K Apuatimi, Kieren Apuatimi, Luke Apuatimi, Clara Apuatimi, Freddy Jnr Apuatimi, Samuella Puruntatameri, Evita Puruntatameri, Damascena Tipakalippa, Naomi Tipakalippa, Tiffany Tipakalippa, Lonita Alimankinni, Nelson Puruntatameri, Lytchia Kantilla-Tungatalum, Mark Alimankinni, Declan Apuatimi, Mary Apuatimi, Kira Apuatimi, Carmina Apuatimi, Pruala Warlapinni, Lisa Warlapinni, Lucy Papajua, Darren Puruntatameri, Stellastina Munkanome, Ancilla Apuatimi, Julie Apuatimi, Samara Puruntatameri, Yanna Wilson Apuatimi, Jasmine Puruntatameri, Gilbert Alimankinni, Columba Orsto, Phillip Heenan, Suzanne Papajua, Elma Tungatalum, Leo Hampton-Tungatalum, Lucas Tungatalum, Samuel Paul Puruntatameri, Dion Apuatimi, Shan Apuatimi, Elizabeth Puruntatameri, Richard Tungatalum, Samuel Justin Puruntatameri, Miriam Joan Puruntatameri, Mark Apuatimi, Bede Tungatalum, Lucinta Puruntatameri, Francis Kurrupuwu, Larrisa Apuatimi, etc.
(Yvonne Kelly to check attendance payment list attached)

Visitors: Robert Graham (TLC), Matthew Ellis (TLC), Yvonne Bradley (TLC) Gibson Farmer (TLC), Nova Peris (NPF), James Desantis (TR), Clinton Rioli (TR), Brian Tipungwuti (TLC) Garry (hydrogen Plant Project)

Apologies: Yvonne Kelly (Entity1) Dennis Dunn, Santos did not attend clan meeting.

Commenced: 10.50am

Chairperson: Kim Puruntatameri

1. Welcome & Greetings

Kim welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that today's meeting is about giving Munupi Clan members who live at Wurrumiyanga chance to have a say in important decisions for what's on the agenda.

Kim asked for a minute silence.

- 2. Introduction** Robert Graham TLC CEO was introduced to Munupi clan (and anyone who's not a member or TLC staff were asked to leave the meeting) Robert explained why he was appointed interim CEO for the next 6 months. Spoke about issues regarding Land Right claims, Land care, Carbon Credits & right time to burn country. All explained his background as an Anthropologist for many years with NLC and other departments.

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Resolution 1.1: Moved: Derek Heenan Seconded: Dennis Tipakalippa
All in favour.

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- Method of Choice (presented by Robert Graham) some not happy having women on TLC board due to conflict & Cultural reasons.
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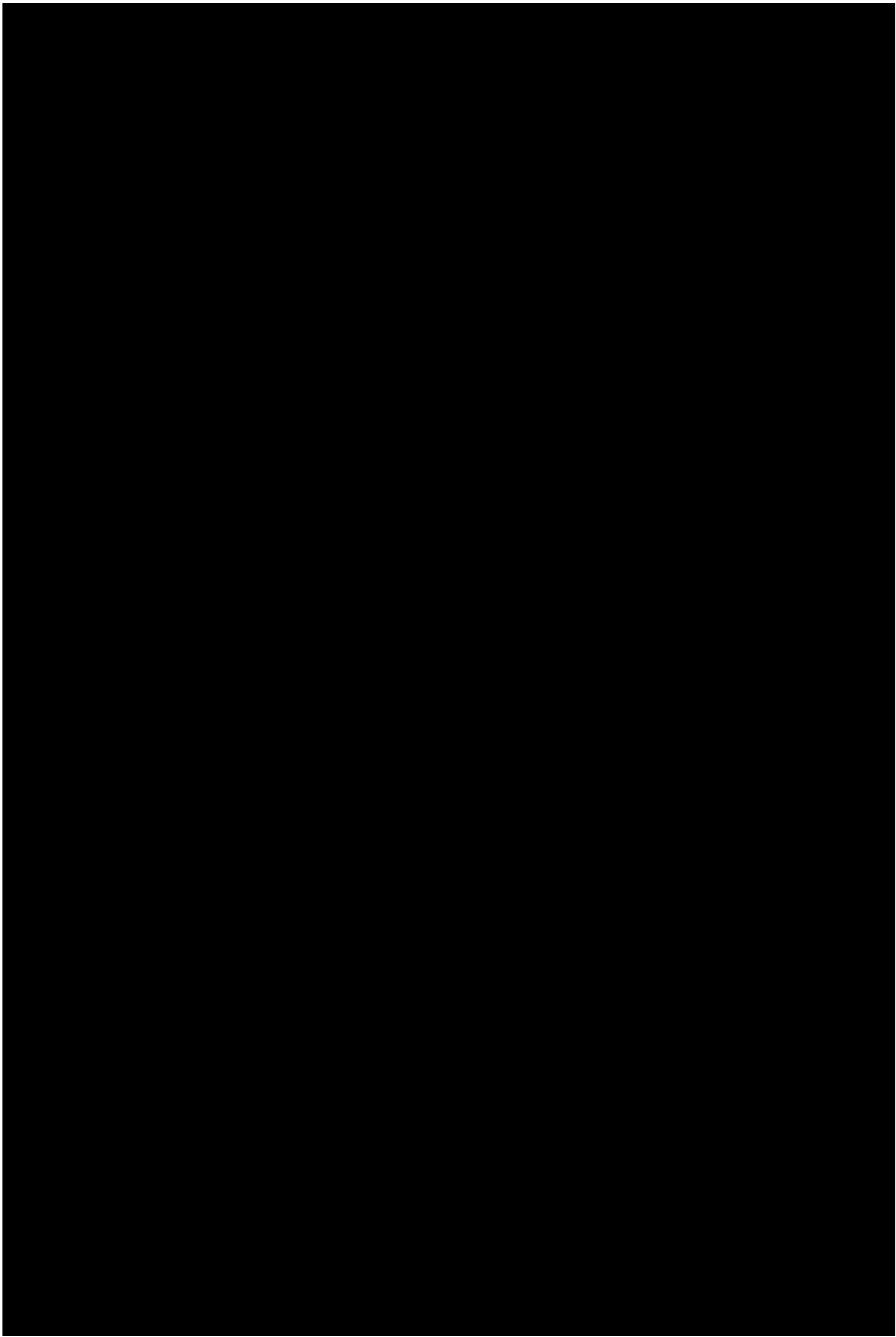
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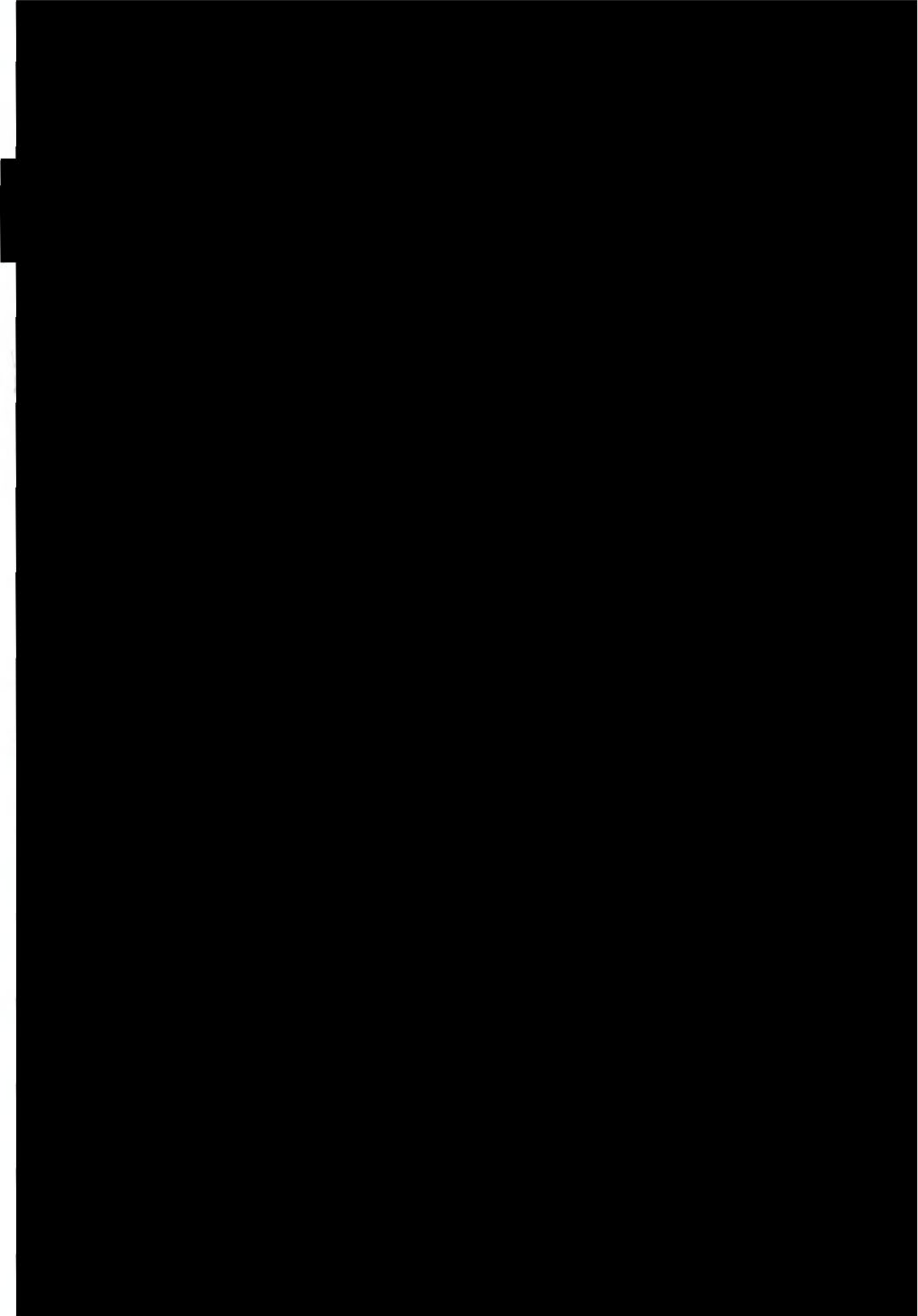
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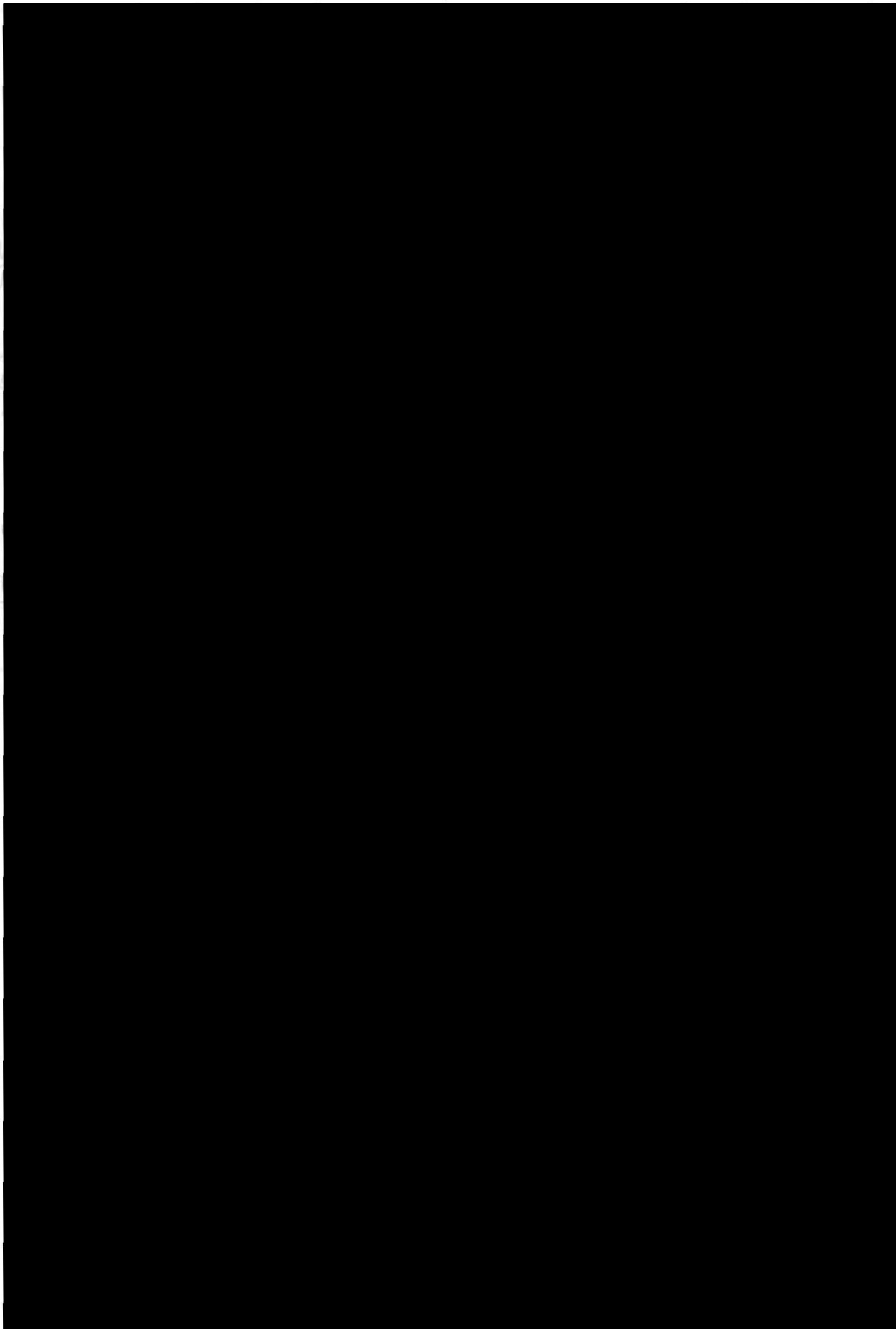
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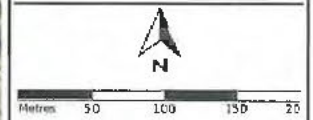


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TIWI - Munupi Fresh Foods Proposal



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Office of Township Leasing

Our ref Pirla-SA41 & Pirla-SA42

Ms Nova Peris
Nova Peris Foundation
By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Ms Peris

Thank you for your email dated 30 October 2022.

My responses to your questions are set out below:

1. Minutes of the Consultative Forum Meeting

I understand that you seek clarification of my response to your request for minutes and the list of attendees of the Pirlangimpi Consultative Forum Meeting (CFM) held on 5 October 2022. I noted that the minutes and attendance list of the CFM are not routinely published. By this I mean, these documents are not routinely made available to the public as they contain personal information and information pertaining to the business affairs of the CFM. I have previously invited you to contact me to discuss your request and to see if I can provide further assistance in relation to this matter. This offer still remains available.

2. Application

I understand that you seek clarification of the approval process and a copy of my assessment relating to the application for a commercial sublease from the Nova Peris Foundation .

I summarise the process and the basis of my decision below:

Background

Since the Pirlangimpi Township Lease was established in 2017, the Office of the Executive Director of Township Leasing, the Office of Township Leasing (OTL) has worked in partnership to empower Traditional Owners and Township residents to advance social and economic opportunities. In accordance with the terms of the Pirlangimpi Head Lease, the OTL engages in culturally appropriate decision making through the CFM mechanism which has been established to consider and provide advice on a range of matters under the Township Lease, including land development. The CFM is made up of Traditional Owners.



Process

The Nova Peris Foundation approached the OTL in February 2021 regarding the development of an unsurveyed lot for the purpose of establishing a food production and small business hub. Subsequently, the Nova Peris Foundation submitted a Commercial Sublease application (**the Application**) to the OTL dated 30 October 2021.

Following the lodgement of the Application from the Nova Peris Foundation, you were advised that the Application had been received and would be presented to the CFM.

Due to external factors such as COVID 19, cultural matters and other priorities of the CFM, the Application was not presented to the CFM until 5 October 2022.

Decision

On 5 October 2022, a CFM was held in Pirlangimpi. The Application was considered, and the CFM advised the Executive Director of Township Leasing (**Executive Director**) that they did not support the Application. The CFM requested that the Executive Director convey this to the Nova Peris Foundation.

As requested by the CFM, on 21 October 2022 I wrote to you advising that the Application was not supported by the CFM and consequently would not be progressed to the next stage of evaluation and assessment by the OTL.

Matters requiring clarification

The Nova Peris Foundation was invited to attend the CFM held on 5 October 2022. It should be noted that an invitation to attend a CFM is not standard practice and is generally only made if requested by CFM members after they have had an opportunity to consider a land development proposal. I acknowledge your advice that I misunderstood your previous correspondence, and that you did not wish to attend the CFM on 5 October as you were unavailable to do so. I also acknowledge your request that I have regard to the outcome of a meeting you held with the Tiwi Land Council and Munupi Pty Ltd directors, Munupi Clan Members and Tiwi Resources on 12 September 2022. In response to this last request, I must advise you that all consultations relating to land development proposals within the Township of Pirlangimpi must be undertaken through the CFM mechanism and I, as the Executive Director, must have regard to the voice expressed at the CFM. This is a requirement of the Pirlangimpi Head Lease.

3. Expectations and Priorities of the Office of Township Leasing

You have asked me to advise whether proposed developments which provide employment, health and social well-being benefits for the community are a priority of the OTL?

In response to this question, I note that the Pirlangimpi Township Lease was granted to the Executive Director to work in partnership with Traditional Owners to advance social and economic opportunities. The principles for the partnership are set out in the Pirlangimpi Head Lease, which imposes a responsibility on myself and the OTL to undertake strong community engagement practices and facilitate culturally appropriate land management decision making (including in relation to developments which promise the benefits outlined in the question above) through the CFM.

4. Community support

You have sought further clarification as to whether the community support has an impact on the decision?

I refer to my response under 'Matters requiring clarification' above.

I trust this provides you with the information you were seeking. Please let me know if you would like to meet with me to discuss this further and I will work with you to arrange a convenient time.

Your sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Pennie Talhot.

Pennie Talhot
Executive Director of Township Leasing
17 November 2022





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By email: [REDACTED]

6 December 2022

Ms Nova Peris
Nova Peris Foundation

Dear Nova

Re: Munupi Fresh Food Proposal

I refer to our recent conference at our office in Essendon with Constance Puruntatameri and yourself.

At the conference you submitted a number of documents confirming the support of the Munupi Clan for the Munupi Fresh Food Proposal, including the Minutes of the Meeting of the Munupi Clan held at the Piriangimpi Club on 12 September 2022.

At that meeting, the Munupi Clan voted on the Munupi Fresh Food Proposal presented by the Nova Peris Foundation to be approved, subject to approval by the sub-lease from the Office of Town Leasing ("OTL").

A subsequent meeting of the Consultative Forum Meeting ("CFM"), tasked with advising the Munupi Clan, has rejected the lawful wishes of the Munupi Clan without any explanation as to why the proposal was rejected.

In my view, the actions of the CFM and OTL cannot unreasonably deny the acceptance of the Munupi Clan's approval of the Munupi Fresh Food Proposal and the sub-lease must be granted. Not to do so is unlawful.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
**Peter Jess
Principal**



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Letter of Support for Nova Peris Foundation Limited

To whom it may concern,

Nova Peris has presented to the Management Committee and met with Land Council staff regarding Foodladder enterprise and associated educational linkages, other micro businesses including an automated laundry, hairdressing facility, and an opportunity of significant philanthropic investment projects in Pirlangimpi Township. The Land Council believe these projects will create long term jobs and economic and community benefits to Pirlangimpi and supports opportunities of this nature.

Projects identified by the Nova Peris Foundation Limited exist in other locations and are ready to be rolled out in Tiwi communities. The Foodladder enterprise and associated educational linkages provide training and ultimately fresh food produce to the community. Growing and harvesting food in and around the community potentially has multiple benefits and cost savings through increased physical activity, improved access and affordability of healthy food, connection and management of land and the benefits to the whole community through social and economic opportunities.

The Tiwi Land Council is supportive of the projects Nova Peris Foundation Limited is promoting. These projects have the potential to create tangible outcomes bring cascading benefits to communities where projects are rolled out.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Chairman of the Tiwi Land Council Mr Gibson Farmer Ilortaminni.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Gibson Farmer Ilortaminni
Chair
Tiwi Land Council
22 October 2021

Nova Peris Foundation



Nova Peris and Mayor Marius Puruntatameri

A fantastic couple days on the Tiwi's attending my second, full community consultation on Garden Point to speak directly about my plans for the Nova Peris Foundation. Having worked with the Tiwi people for the past 12 months, setting up my charity from scratch and obtaining crucial partnerships & sponsorships, I am very happy to have the full support of the Tiwi Land Council, the Regional Authority, the newly elected Mayor Marius Puruntatameri and Lawrence Costa MLA. I am looking forward to the next 12 months in achieving wonderful and important outcomes with food sovereignty and jobs through micro enterprises. Garden point will have the chance to have access to freshly grown food as well as the opportunity to work in an exciting, innovative social enterprise venture with the first being a laundromat. The buildings and assets I aim to deliver will be owned by the Munupi people.

You can also watch a segment about The Nova Peris Foundation's aims and objectives on Kochie's Business Builders, a channel 7 program where I spoke about the beautiful Tiwi Islands, in particular Pir-langimpi. There is a link on my social media platforms.

Nova Peris



LOCAL FOOD PRODUCTION



The Northern Territory and Australian Governments to provide long term investment in community controlled local food production and critical infrastructure to support greater food production, including the harvesting of traditional foods, in and around Aboriginal communities. This should include;

i. Funding for training for Aboriginal people linked to Agriculture jobs in and around Aboriginal communities.

ii. Assistance for Aboriginal communities to harvest traditional foods for community consumption and sale to both local and national markets

iii. Provide investment into community controlled primary industries which provide economic opportunities for Aboriginal communities.

Growing and harvesting more food in and around Aboriginal communities can play an important role in increasing access and availability of healthy food for the community. Harvesting and growing more food locally shortens the supply chain of fresh produce, lowering the cost and improving the quality and shelf life of the fresh food. By increasing the access and engagement in producing more locally grown food this can also support Aboriginal people's food sovereignty and ensure the food system is meeting the community's needs.

Participants at the Food Summit workshop and community consultations saw the need for more food production as not only an important aspect of increasing community food security but as an employment opportunity. It is clear the attractiveness of not only the increased access to traditional foods and healthy shop foods but the employment and health benefits from greater production and harvesting of food in and around remote communities has strong community support.

You can't be what you can't see. So if we want our communities to be healthy we need to make healthy food available. Have people growing it and eating it fresh. Nova Peris



Nova Peris, Founder of the Nova Peris Foundation



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Letter of Support

The Tiwi Island Regional Council is writing to support The Nova Perris Foundation nutrition and enterprise proposal for the Tiwi Islands – Garden Point Pirlangimpi.

The Council fully supports the Foundations aims - empowering the Tiwi people to achieve life excellence though healthy nutrition, clean water and opportunities to participate in sport, education, health, spiritual wellbeing and cultural activities.

On behalf of Council and Mayor Tungatulum, we wish the Foundation all the very best on the project and look forward to its extension across the Tiwi Islands.

Please contact this office if you have any queries from Councillors, please make contact with Ms Helen Daiyi, Governance Manager [REDACTED] or my EA Ms Henrietta Hunter on [REDACTED].

Kind regards,

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Valerie Rowland
CEO



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SUPPORT FOR CRUCIAL FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVE

To whom it may concern

As elected Members of the Northern Territory Parliament, representing numerous remote Aboriginal communities and homelands and as Ministers with portfolio interests in Aboriginal advancement and quality of life, we strongly endorse the initiative for the Nova Peris Foundation to partner with the charity Food Ladder to develop in-community production of fresh food.

Of the barriers to successful and fulfilling lives in country, access to affordable and genuinely fresh food is one of the greatest. It impacts on health, on life expectancy, on family budgets and challenges self-sufficiency which is at the heart of community. The Food Ladder product is proven and high quality, and the partnership with the Nova Peris Foundation will help enable communities to flourish in the challenging environments of the territory.

We are especially excited to see the job generation approach at the heart of what the Foundation is aiming to do the partnership with traditional owners. Through the food production and distribution or sale, through the utilisation of land around the greenhouse and through spin-offs from all that, the promise is that hope can become reality and communities will have real control with the support needed over their destiny.

We understand that the concept needs to become actuality in some of the communities we know and we represent, in order to see its potential for wider rollout to share in the excitement as things develop on the ground by strong communities.

If you have any further queries relating to the current Northern Territory Government procurement processes, please contact Carrie Merrett, Procurement Manager, on [REDACTED] or via email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Subject: Letter of Support for Nova Peris Foundation

To whom it may concern,

I write to you in support of the Nova Peris Foundations nutrition and enterprise proposal for the Tiwi Islands – Garden Point Pirlangimpi.

I fully support the Nova Peris Foundations aims to empower the Tiwi Islands people to achieve life excellence through healthy nutrition, clean water and opportunities to participate in sport, education, health, spiritual wellbeing and cultural activities.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] or email Electorate.Arafura@nt.gov.au.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Member for Arafura



Rirratjingu Aboriginal Corporation

29 March 2021

Nova Peris OAM
Director
Nova Peris Foundation Ltd
DARWIN NT 0800

Dear Nova,

RAC strongly supports your nutrition and enterprise proposal for Yirkkala

Thank you for presenting to the RAC Board recently regarding the attached project proposal. The directors were very confident that you have a sound plan for a most valuable infrastructure, nutrition, enterprise and education initiative with promising sustainability.

As to sustainability, the Board noted you plan to work with Yirkkala School, which RAC has supported with charitable contributions for many years because RAC has confidence in the competence and organisational ability of its Co-Principals and leading teachers.

As for proper planning of the infrastructure and other key aspects of the project, the Board noted you will involve the Food Ladder organisation, which already has experience establishing community gardens in Tennant Creek and Katherine.

As to meeting the needs of Yirkkala community and attracting the highest level of community engagement, the Board was pleased to hear how you will approach community engagement and has great confidence in you personally.

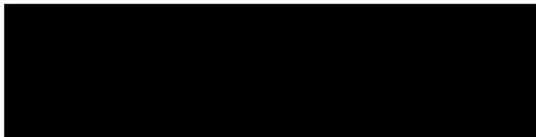
The RAC Board feels able to speak on behalf of the wider Yirkkala community, in saying this project would have very strong support. The strong support which Yirkkala School offered you in its letter dated 25 March 2021 represents the community view.

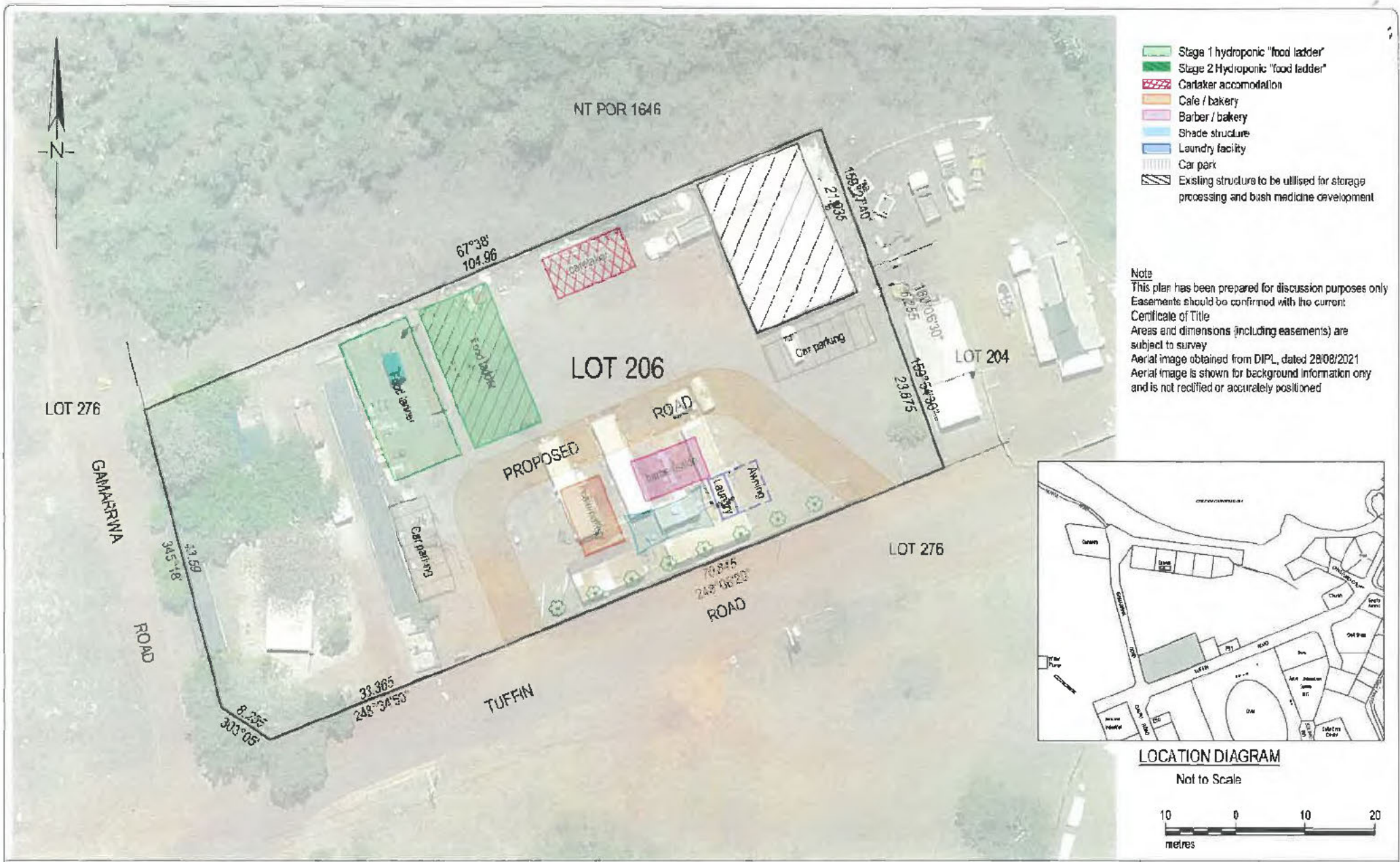
As the members' organisation for the Rirratjingu traditional owners of Yirkkala, RAC will be very pleased to facilitate access to land in Yirkkala to enable this project.

Yours sincerely,



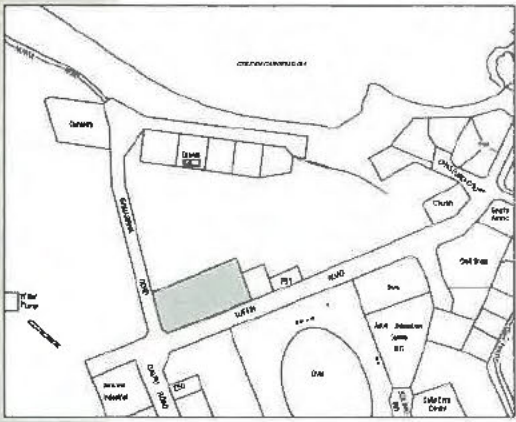
BAKAMUMU MARIKA
Chairperson





- Stage 1 hydroponic "food ladder"
- Stage 2 Hydroponic "food ladder"
- Carlaker accomodation
- Cafe / bakery
- Barber / bakery
- Shade structure
- Laundry facility
- Car park
- Existing structure to be utilised for storage processing and bush medicine development

Notes
 This plan has been prepared for discussion purposes only
 Easements should be confirmed with the current
 Certificate of Title
 Areas and dimensions (including easements) are
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LOCATION DIAGRAM

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TOWNSITE OF YIRRKALA

CONCEPT SITE PLAN

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Yirrkala School
19th March, 2021

To: Nova Peris Foundation

We are writing on behalf of the Yirrkala School Council to express strong support for the establishment of a hydroponic greenhouse project at Yirrkala School. The Yirrkala School Council has tried since late 2017 to establish a greenhouse at the school. At that time, we worked directly with Food Ladder to approach philanthropic organisations and local Aboriginal corporations for support, but we not able to secure the funding needed. Now, with the presence of Nova Peris OAM through her newly established charity there is the opportunity to enable this to occur. Nova has a fantastic reputation that she has earned from her achievements, and from giving back to community for nearly three decades. She is highly respected and trusted, thus able to gain the support of not only community, but of private, philanthropic and government sectors. We could not be more excited about the opportunity to work with Nova and her Foundation.

We see this project as a significant opportunity to enhance the learning and wellbeing of the children and teenagers who attend Yirrkala School. The project will support the children and families of Yirrkala on a number of levels and complement initiatives that are already happening in the school.

The main impact of the project will be on improving the diet of the students and their understanding about the importance of good nutrition. Many students come to school not ready to learn because of dietary issues that impact on their general health and on their dental health. The school has a School Nutrition Program that is funded by the Federal Government. This funding pays for the Canteen Manager and two Yolngu canteen workers. It does not cover the costs of the food. This hydroponic greenhouse will provide fresh vegetables and some fruits to be used in the meals provided by the School Nutrition Program. Students will have a major role in growing the food and preparing the meals. This gives the long-term benefit of ensuring children have a healthy diet and an understanding about the importance of making good food choices that will have a positive impact in their later lives.

Over the last four years, the school has placed great emphasis on improving the garden and grounds. The main stimulus for this improvement has come from the Yolngu groundsmen who have established beautiful spaces for the students to come to each day and feel happy



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in their surroundings. This has had a positive impact on attendance and the calmness of students at the school helping them to be more able to engage in learning. The hydroponic greenhouse project will enhance this initiative and provide more opportunities for the students to work supported by the Yolngu ground staff who will act as mentors and instructors to teach the students about looking after the greenhouse equipment and grow the plants.

Yirrkala School has a Families as First Teachers Program (FAFT) for Mothers and children aged 0 to 4 years. A key goal of this program is to provide education to Mothers about health and diet including making decisions about healthy food choices and making healthy meals. The project would greatly enhance this program by involving the Mothers in growing the food and using the food to prepare meals. This project also provides an opportunity to offer a program to parents of school aged children after school hours and during holidays to provide this important education, advice and experience via this sustainable food system.

The Nova Peris Foundation and Food Ladder will support the school to develop curriculum and learning programs that increase the opportunities for the students to learn about the science and technology involved in running the equipment associated with the greenhouse.

This letter details some of the immediate benefits of the project to the children and families of Yirrkala, but as the project becomes more established there is potential for many more, including greater Yolngu employment, enterprise projects and the development of resources in Yolngu Dhäruk to increase the understanding and awareness of growing and eating healthy food. A key future goal of the project would be to collect the seeds of native food plants and cultivate these in the garden and greenhouse so that there is an easily accessible supply of these foods for the children at the school.

We hope that you will support this important project of the Nova Peris Foundation.

Yours sincerely

Merrkiyawuy Ganambarr
Co-Principal

Katrina Hudson
Co-Principal



14 October 2021

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE NOVA PERIS FOUNDATION

To whom it may concern,

The Aboriginal Investment Group (AIG) is delighted to be supporting the Nova Peris Foundation.

AIG has long provided business support services for Aboriginal owned organisations and foundations. This support includes strategic planning, business planning, bookkeeping, legal and governance, fundraising and grant applications.

Specifically, for the Nova Peris Foundation, AIG has been engaged to assist with strategic planning, business planning and advice with respect to grant submissions as well as with the assistance of structural support and bookkeeping.

It is worth noting that the Foundation has a strong skilled and highly experienced Board of Directors, who will assist financial and governance controls.

AIG has delivered the first strategic planning session and will continue to work closely with both Nova and Scott on the development of a strong, clear and achievable strategic plan.

AIG has extensive experience and skills in all areas of business development, and we are delighted to be assisting the Nova Peris Foundation commence their important journey and first project on the Tiwi Islands.

Should you require any further information from AIG, don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth Morgan-Brett EMBA OLY
Chief Executive Officer
Aboriginal Investment Group





