

To Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts
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RE: Senate Inquiry into forestry and mining operations on the Tiwi Islands – Request from Traditional Owners for a hearing at Nguiu

I welcome the Senate Inquiry into Plantation and Mining projects on the Tiwi Islands.

There is a lot of concern about these projects and we need a thorough inquiry that will look at how decisions have been made, what benefits Tiwi get, and what are the impacts of those projects on our country and culture.

One of the complaints made, is that Traditional Owners are not properly consulted or represented by those who claim to speak on our behalf regarding these matters.

For Committee members to gain a full understanding of the concerns of Tiwi, it is essential that the Standing Committee come to our Islands and conduct a hearing at Nguiu, on Bathurst Island, and also visit the plantations and mine sites to see for themselves.

By not having a hearing at Nguiu, we would be disadvantaged, and Traditional Owners will not be well heard.

Yours sincerely,

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