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Cc: Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, Minister Peter Garrett, Minister Warren Snowdon, Senator Trish Crossin, NLC CEO Kim Hill, NLC Chairman Wali Wunungmurra, Senator Scott Ludlam.

**May 8, 2009**

**To Minister Martin Ferguson,**

We are Traditional Owners from the Muckaty Land Trust.

We want you to read this letter and not put it on your table and put it away in the archives, we want you to read it.

Try and make an effort to come down and talk to us. We want to invite you and Minister Peter Garrett to come out in the second week in June, on the 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>, to come out here and come face to face with Traditional Owners.

The Traditional Owners will be the Ngapa, Yapa Yapa, Wirntiku, Ngarrka and Milwayi groups from Muckaty. We want to show you what are we talking about and why are we talking about it.

We want our land to stay in one position, we want our land to be safe so we can have a better place to live in and a better place to go and have a look around the beautiful land.

The old Warlmanpa people really want to see government people come out so we can talk face to face with them without writing letters, because we don't even know what Martin Ferguson looks like.

We want you to come face to face - you don't even know what we look like, we've only seen each other on TV or whatever, but we want to see each other face to face where we can have a few questions to ask why you are not listening to the biggest forum of people.

We are inviting you to come along for a challenge. The challenge that we want to do is to let you know that we are the Traditional Owners. As the Warlmanpa group, we want to tell you what the country means with the designs and with the paints we have on our body. We want to do the body painting to tell the story about the land, and show you that Milwayi is the main place.

We want you to know that Traditional Owners are waiting to show you that the country means something to them. That is why we want you to come along and to see because we don't want that rubbish dump to be here in Muckaty area.

We want Amy Lauder to come along. We want Amy Lauder to come and see what we have got for her and we want her to talk first. Martin Ferguson and Peter Garrett, you come out to the front and listen and from there when she finished talking, we will have Mark Lane or Dianne Stokes or Sammy Sambo talk and then we are going to open up the meeting.

After that we want to get our groups out then and you can see that we are protesting through the body painting, to tell you that we don't need the waste dump to come to the land.

We want you to hang around and watch us what we do and then we want to tell you what the story means, and what it is and who it belongs to.

Martin Ferguson, we want you to come here, we know you will be in Darwin just before that, we want you to come here. That's only a one-day trip to see what we do.

Martin Ferguson you travel overseas, you have been in China lately and we want you to come to the local Territory, to come and visit us in the centre of the heart of Tennant Creek. We want you to make an effort just to come here, its not costing about \$3000 or \$4000 to travel overseas, it's only into one state, in the Northern Territory.

We want the Northern Land Council, our representatives Warren Snowdon and Trish Crossin and the Greens Senator to come and listen as well.

Come to our beautiful Tennant Creek, visit our beautiful Tennant Creek, come there and listen to us, the Traditional Owners that we are fighting against the waste dump.

We are making a strong effort to tell you that we don't want the waste dump coming into our land. We want you and Peter Garrett to take it in your minds, in your brains and in your heart to think about us and to have your tongue ready to say 'no waste dump in the Northern Territory'.

Please reply to this invitation c/o Gerry McCarthy,  
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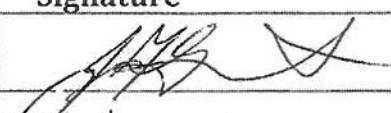
**Signed:**

Name	Family Group	Signature
Lindsay Grant	Sarraf	L Grant
SAMMY SAMBO	Wirntiku.	SAMMY SAMBO
LOUIE MARTIN	Milwayj	LOUIE MARTIN
SUSAN NELSON	Ngamker	SUSAN NELSON
Marie Louise Murphy		Marie Louise Murphy
ROSS WILLIAMS JAKAMARRA	Ngamiker	

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Name	Signature	Family Group
Beasley Anderson	Beasley Anderson	NGAPA
Ricky Anderson	Ricky Anderson	" "
Stewart Anderson	Stewart Anderson	" "
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Sonia Anderson	Sonia Anderson	" "
Samule Anderson	Samule Anderson	" "
Joshua Anderson	Joshua Anderson	" "
Aaron Anderson	Aaron Anderson	" "
Carmen Anderson	Carmen Anderson	" "
Bruce Anderson	Bruce Anderson	" "
Mark Chungaloo	Mark Chungaloo	Milwayi
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Heather Anderson	Heather Anderson	" "
Ray Stokes	Ray Stokes	Yapa Yapa
Mark Lane	Mark Lane	NGAPA
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BRIAN WILLIAMS	BRIAN WILLIAMS	Milwayi
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Bobby Thompson	Bobby Thompson	" "
STAN STOKES	STAN STOKES	Yapa Yapa

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JOSEPHINE GRANT		Wirntku
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Janine Lane	Janine Lane	Ngapa
Sally Samba	Sally Samba	Milwayi
Christine Chungaloo	Christine Chungaloo	Milwayi
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HENRY WESTON	Henry Weston	" "
FRANKIE WESTON	Frankie Weston	" "
LEON STOKES	Leon Stokes	Yapa yapa
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Dianne Dickenson	Dianne Dickenson	
Doreen Murphy	Doreen Murphy	
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HANNAH WILLIAMS	Hannah Williams	
Beverly Williams	Beverly Williams	

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