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Native Title Submission by FOY - Friends of Yindjibarndi

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Re: Jaimia Shoemaker's submission with respect to the Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2011

As a new citizen of Australia, it is my intention to rally for the Human Rights of Australia's First People. I witnessed the same similar tactics and wicked dishonest dealings go on in the USA, with the American Indigenous people, and now wish to give support here in the dishonest dealings of FMG. After 46 years spent here, things just are not changing, as continually promised. I decided I couldn't help make these changes necessary unless I was a citizen, so here I stand supporting The Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2011. Your treatment of these people is something that shocks the World over, and so it should because of the stupidity and horrific behavior of the government here. You are signifying to the world how little you care about Australia's inhabitants and about fixable issues concerning it's people. People, big and small, must always come first before corporations like FMG and both state and federal laws urgently need your attention and correction in order to be in line with NATO and Indigenous Rights.

I totally support in every way possible The Yindjibarndi Corporation (YAC) in the current situation and of the changes being proposed in The Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2011.

Having viewed the videos - The Great Swindle ! & 2, I wish to express my anger on the tactics of FMG, who at any cost, desire to profit from and gain ownership of Yindjibarndi land for the purpose of raping the land for mining. After viewing the videos and listening to the interview with George Irving, the facts are quite evident here, and that is at the cost of all this will only destroy yet another community. Have you all no conscience here as to what is ethical and morally right? On the event of brushing aside Mr. Cheedy for comment, it was deplorable. Fact is if he spoke it instill fear in FMG as to what he would say, and it would have been correct. The purposely defiant behavior so encouraged by FMG in order to cause division in Roebourne to obtain the Yindjibarndi's land is both dishonest and controlling. The show FMG put on, demonstrated the lack of integrity, lack of concern, and total need for control for their own personal gains.

FMG brainwashed and divided the Roebourne Community by setting up and financing the Wirli-murra Yindjibarndi Aboriginal Corporation. While these people don't even realize they've been "had". For what FMG has done to this community, peace, harmony, and success may be hard to restore, let us hope it doesn't remain that way for the communities sake. This in itself saddens me greatly.

I must also comment on the irreverence given by Twiggy when he used defamation of character in saying that young women were offering themselves in trade for cigarettes. Come on, when you think of it, what on earth is a whitefella parading around Roebourne at night for. I really question his values here, as should the rest of Australia. Also while God was brought into this, at such a convenient time I must interate Our Father (GOD) wants his family here on earth to prosper in every way possible. I don't think he wants his children (The Yindjibarndi) to suffer anymore than they have at the hands of crooks and mean people, wanting to be in control of their future, when they can take care of themselves. God wants "BEST" for his kids, that does not mean greedy FMG, cause it's evil for their own greed driven gains.

In no way is it permissible or rightful for FMG to decide how and what the monies for the land concerned is to be used or distributed. These people are more than capable and smart to fend for themselves here.

It is with all these things in mind that I give full support to the following:

I, Jaimia support the proposal in The Native Title Amendment (Reform) Bill 2011 to include principals in the implementation of UNDRIP in Native Title Act decisions.

I, Jaimia support the proposed amendment to give full protection to significant cultural and heritage sites as stated in paragraph 24MB (1) (c) (the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (WA), has been proven to contain serious problems which impact negatively on these sites).

I, Jaimia support 38 (2) which relates to entitlement in regards to profit sharing, including by way of royalties.

I, Jaimia support 223 (2) in relation to "rights and interests" - which include acknowledgement of traditional rights which are an integral part of Indigenous culture, such as (a) "hunting, gathering, or fishing and (b) the right to trade and other rights and interests of a commercial nature".

It is apparent that companies such as FMG have not given any thought of intention to deal with any business dealings with The Yindjibarndi in a fair and equitable way as stated by the UN and The National Native Title Tribunal. Therefore, we must see that The National Native Title Tribunal is amended so that the right of The Traditional Owners are adhered to and they are protected, not by words, but documentation.

Regards,
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