



*Growing Respect, Community & Leaders!*

23 December 2015

Dr Kathleen Dermody  
Committee Secretary  
Senate Economic References Committee  
PO Box 6100  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Dr Dermody

**Re: Inquiry into Bauxite Resources near Aurukun in Cape York.**

At its meeting of 15 December 2015, Aurukun Shire Council passed the following resolution:

**Resolution 15.5000**

That Council provides a written submission to the Senate Economic Reference Committee advising that it:

1. Considers the process to date in respect of the Aurukun Bauxite Lease has been fair and reasonable; and
2. Wishes to see maximum benefit provided to Traditional Owners and the Aurukun Community in any future mining operations of this lease.

Aurukun Shire Council considers that the process to date has been fair and reasonable in the granting of Mineral Development Licence application. However Council considers that maximum benefit should be provided to the Traditional Owners of the land. Also Council wishes to see:

- 1) the best community benefits package provided to the Aurukun Township residents
- 2) ongoing training and jobs provided to local people
- 3) ongoing economic development opportunities to be provided to local persons and businesses
- 4) ongoing presence of the mining lease company in Aurukun Township.

Please note that Aurukun Shire Council is willing to appear before the inquiry at a suitable date and time.

If further information or discussion is required please contact the Chief Executive Officer on  
or alternatively on by email

Yours faithfully

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Acting Chief Executive Officer

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