



Quality and Price of Outback Stores

As part of its investigation of remote store service, capacity and conditions, the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs will visit the small communities of Jilkminggan and Bulman, east of Katherine in the Northern Territory.

The Committee will visit two stores managed by Outback Stores:

- Dungalan Store in Jilkminggan, servicing the Mangarayi people
- Gulin Gulin Store in Bulman, servicing the Rembarrnga and Dalabon people

Outback Stores manages 22 stores across the Northern Territory on behalf of Indigenous communities. It was set up in 2006 in response to a need for functional and viable shops that were able to meet the health and nutritional requirements of remote Indigenous populations. Outback Stores has managed the Dungalan Store since July 2008 and the Gulin Gulin Store since June 2008.

The Chairman of the Committee, The Hon Bob Debus MP stated:

“The visit to Jilkminggan and Bulman will give the Committee an opportunity to speak with communities who have ownership of their local store about the effect Outback Stores management has had on the quality and price of fresh food and other produce. Good nutrition is essential to Indigenous health and the Committee wants to learn what makes for a good or bad store in these communities.

The Committee members are thankful to remote communities in Jilkminggan and Bulman for receiving us to conduct public hearings and community meetings to hear their views.”

Public meetings – Tuesday 21 July 2009

Jilkminggan	GBM Complex	12.45pm – 2.45pm
Bulman	The Shed	4.30pm – 6.15pm

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