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Dear Sir/Madam,

What our elders have experienced over the last 10 or 15 years is that the organization is not for all people. How it operates is that they have a coalition that works for Mardi Paaki (CDEP), Barriekneal and the Land Council. They are all related and new organizations like ours could have two voices among 20 or 30 people.

We are sending you a copy of the support that these people have got from doctors and the business people. Two young couples live in a tin shack, they applied for a house at Barriekneal with support from the Royal Blind Society. Finally they had to go away to get a house. The Project Manager remembered things to be done but never ever done anything. All he did is update the new one with the old date on it. We are sending you some copies of the papers of the conditions that some of these people are living in. There is too much nepotism. Since these reports were made three elderly people have died with asthma. With all the money they send out here they are still living in the same conditions, while directors can give

themselves \$105,145.00. **Comment from the people.**

Here are some comments from the people of this community concerning Barriekneal, Murdi Paaki and the Land Council. They are saying they should come under new manager. They feel it is not in the interest of all aboriginal people. They say there is a waiting list of aboriginal people who cant get a job working with machinery because these jobs are held by white people. It is supposed to be for young aboriginal people to become skilled workers. They also complain about the workers that are put on, they think trainees could be put into building, not people who are 30 or 40. Their supervisor is not a licensed builder.

Concerning Government property, some of the cars used by the organizations have been purchased by the managers. They say that some of the cars that they bought have been sold to one of the other organizations for a large profit. They say any government property should be sold by tender.

They mention also that relatives of the manager who worked for the CDEP who have left for other states are still on their books. Another instance he employed his father from another town and gave him a job on the CDEP, and there are still aboriginal people on the waiting list. They are saying that the CDEP, Barriekneal and Murdi Paaki should be investigated because they are being run by too many relatives who are not skilled.

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Yours sincerely, Elder Elizabeth Wallace Allan Hall, Chairperson  
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