



Submission No. 2  
(SKA Pathfinder Radio Telescope)

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Committee Secretary,  
Standing Committee on Public Works  
Department of House of Representatives  
PO Box 6021  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Secretary,

**Australian SKA Pathfinder Radio Telescope Geraldton-Greenough and  
Murchison Shire WA**

I am writing on behalf of the Wajarri Yamatji native title claim group working group.

We have a native title claim over Boolardy Station, in the Murchison area of WA. We understand that this is where the CSIRO's proposed SKA telescope is to be located.

We do not oppose the telescope, but wish to make sure that we can work together in a partnership so that this unique project on our traditional country can help with employment, training and other benefits for our community.

We understand that if the ASKAP is successful, then Australia may get the go-ahead for the International SKA project, which will result in a much more intense use of Boolardy station, and over a greater area. We are not sure what impact this will have on our ability to use our traditional country.

Again, it is important that we participate together with the government in this project, so that whatever happens, the Wajarri Yamatji will be part of it. In this, we are especially thinking of our future generations.

Representatives of Wajarri Yamatji would like to appear before your committee to give evidence about these matters. Some aspects are

confidential, so we would like to have a confidential hearing as part of our evidence.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AD' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

Anthony Dann,  
Chairman, Wajarri Yamatji Working Group