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*AUSTRALIAN SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON
THE ADMINISTRATION OF INDIGENOUS
AFFAIRS*



*SUBMISSION OF THE COMBINED ABORIGINAL
ORGANISATIONS
ALICE SPRINGS
JULY 2004*

ATTACHMENTS

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 Alice Springs*

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 2004*

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 Combined Aboriginal Organisations*



*Australian Senate
Select Committee on the Administration of
Indigenous Affairs*

*Submission of the
Combined Aboriginal Organisations – Alice Springs
July, 2004*

Combined Aboriginal Organisations – Alice Springs

This submission of the Combined Aboriginal Organisations - Alice Springs, was authorised by a General Meeting of the members on July 14th 2004 at the CAAMA Music Studio.

Executive members Eileen Hoosan and Michael Griffin were delegated to present our submission to the Senate Select Committee.

Signed


Eileen Hoosan

Signed


Michael Griffin

On behalf of the Combined Aboriginal Organisations – Alice Springs

Terms of Reference

- (1) A select committee, to be known as the Select Committee on Indigenous Affairs, is appointed to inquire into and report, by 31 October 2004, on the following matters:
 - (a) the provisions of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2004;
 - (b) the proposed administration of Indigenous programs and services by mainstream departments and agencies; and
 - (c) related matters.

(a) the provisions of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission Amendment Bill 2004

- The Combined Aboriginal Organisations of Alice Springs welcome any positive changes to the ATSIC Act which may increase the directness, efficiency and effectiveness of Indigenous programs and policy in this region and nationally.
- However, the abolition of ATSIC (and of the Regional Councils by July 2005) threatens Indigenous representation at the Commonwealth level and deprives regionally-based Indigenous organisations of their united voice.
- In recognition of the need for adequate representation and to ensure the unity and effectiveness of policy and programs at the regional level, we therefore propose our own model of Regional Governance, designed to dovetail precisely with the Commonwealth's plans.

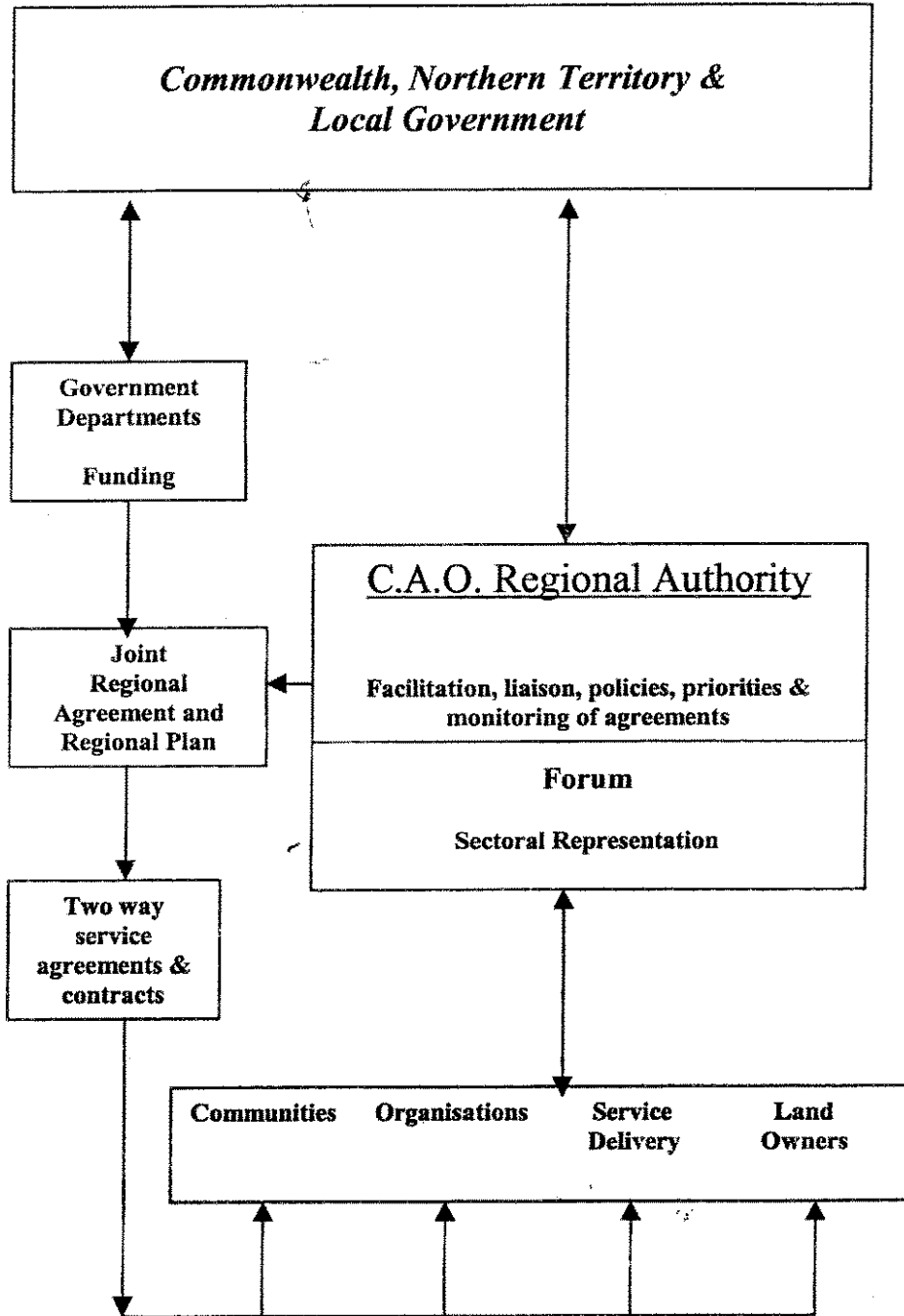
(b) the proposed administration of Indigenous programs and services by mainstream departments and agencies

- As we understand it, the Commonwealth's proposal is to administer regional policy and programs via Indigenous Coordination Centres (ICCs), acting as a 'whole of Australian Government' office with staff from multiple agencies.
- Viewed generally, this 'mainstreaming' and the 'whole-of-government' approach should offer economies of scale as well as an enhanced capacity for coordination and control of all Commonwealth services to Indigenous communities, organisations and groups.
- In a like manner, our proposed model for Regional Governance offers similar benefits, yet retains adequate representation and allows us to speak with a single united voice for the Indigenous organisations of Alice Springs.

(c) related matters

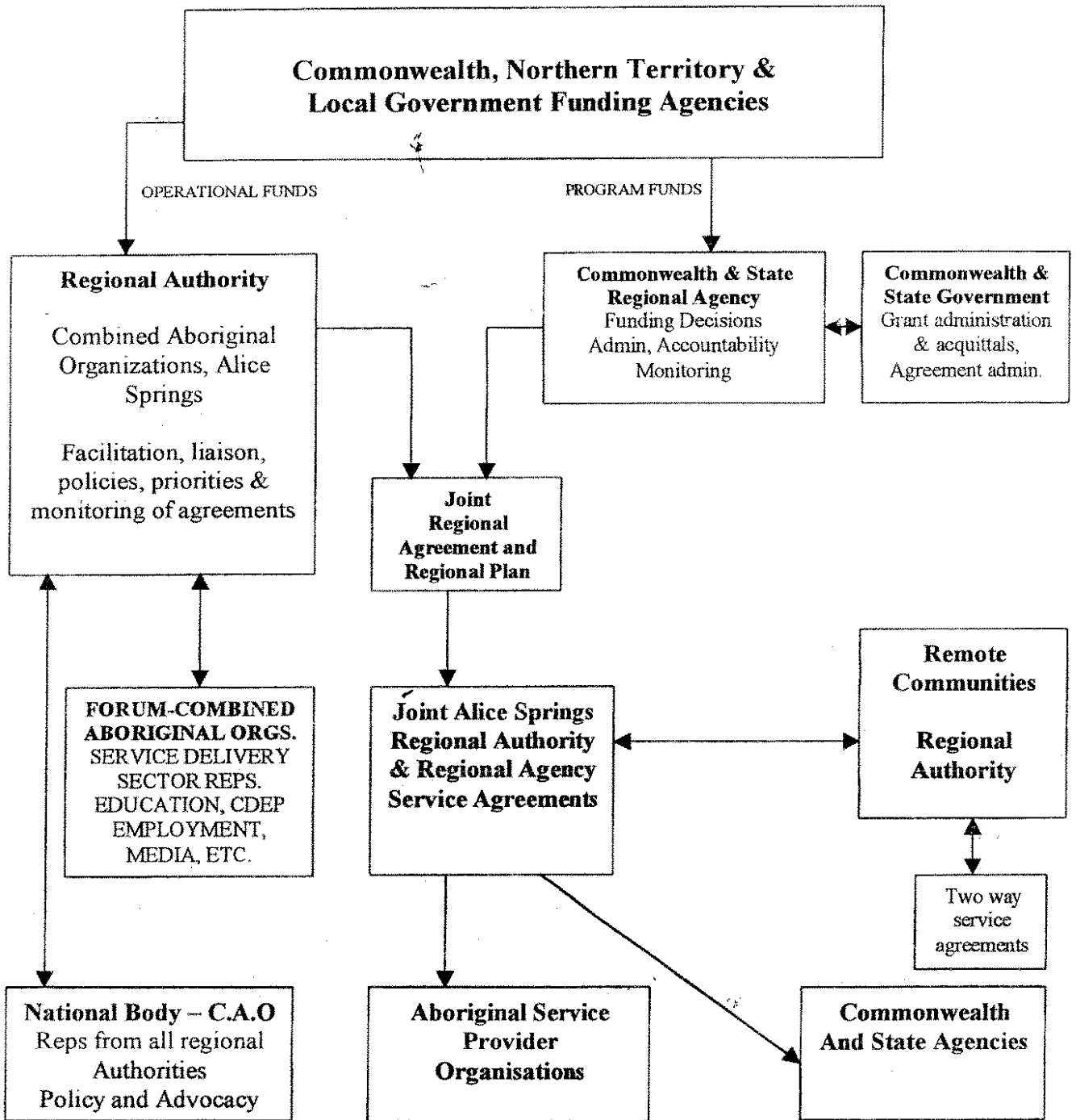
- Our proposed model is presented overleaf.

Proposed Regional Authority Model



Combined Aboriginal Organisations

Proposed Regional Authority Model



- The proposed model is built on the pre-existing foundations of the Combined Aboriginal Organisations – Alice Springs region. Most key Indigenous groups, land owners, organisations and service providers are already members of the C.A.O., providing a direct, legitimate and economical starting point for reorganization in a post-ATSIC environment and offering minimum disruption to existing programs and policies.
- The Combined Aboriginal Organisations of Alice Springs is the only regional group that can legitimately claim to ‘speak with one voice’ across the entire gamut of Indigenous affairs and service provision. All other local organisations represent either purely sectional interests or subsume broader issues under a sectional banner.
- As outlined, the model precisely matches the Commonwealth’s policy of regionalism in Indigenous affairs and the ‘Whole of Government Approach’.
- The ‘Authority’ would be concerned primarily with liaison, facilitation, policies, priorities and the monitoring of agreements. The ‘Forum’ would be concerned with directly advancing the sectional interests of service providers, land owners, organisations and other participating groups. Member organisations active in each sector would meet separately in Committee and take decisions for ratification to the ‘Authority’. In turn, the ‘Authority’ would speak with one voice on regional interests and ensure the unity and cohesiveness of policy and priorities across the board.

- To prevent the possibility of conflicts of interest, the proposed model separates policy and priority goals from control of allocated funds (like ATSIC and ATSIIS), thereby maintaining the independence of member organisations and promoting the maximum degree of flexibility for the management and administration of funds.
- On behalf of its constituent members, the 'Authority' would directly negotiate a Joint Regional Agreement and Regional Plan with the Indigenous Coordination Centres or other relevant government agencies and departments. Such a move is consistent with the regionalist approach established under ATSIC and with the devolution programs currently advocated by both major political parties.
- The model can work effectively with any national body, regardless of its ideology, structure or processes.
- The structure of the proposed model reflects the special needs and interests of this geographic area, would best utilize a regionally-based relationship with funding agencies and provide an ability to liaise effectively and efficiently with Government, Aboriginal and other service delivery agencies.
- Finally, the proposed model would best preserve the participative-democratic traditions of Indigenous organisations and maintain the principles of self-determination in a post-ATSIC environment.

20th April 2004

Senator the HON Amanda Vanstone
Minister for Immigration & Multicultural & Indigenous Affairs
MF 40 Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Senator Amanda Vanstone,

A forum comprising the following key Aboriginal organisations in Alice Springs was held on the 20th April 2004 to discuss the decision of the Australian Government to implement drastic changes to the administration of Aboriginal affairs in Australia and the impact this decision will have on the future delivery of services to Aboriginal people.

A decision was made at this forum to invite the Minister for Indigenous Affairs to attend a meeting in Alice Springs to listen to the concerns of Aboriginal people and define positive outcomes for all relevant parties, taking into account the needs of Aboriginal organisations and the Australian Government.

We understand the time constraints and commitments the Minister has, however we would be most grateful if the Minister could confirm availability by 27th April 2004 at which time a date for the meeting would be set.

Could you please confirm your attendance to our nominated representative Priscilla Collins 0889519778 or caamaceo@caama.com.au.

Regards,
Key Aboriginal Organisations of Alice Springs

Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association
Tangentyere Council
Imparja Television
Institute for Aboriginal Development
Arernte Council
Desart
Central Land Council
Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programs Unit
Central Australian Aboriginal Legal Aide Service

PUBLIC MEETING 14TH JULY 2004, CAAMA STUDIO

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Veronica Lynch	Ingerreke	
Pamela Lynch	Ingerreke	
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ELAINE PECKHAM	IAD	E Peckham
JOSIE DOUGLAS	IAD	Douglas
MARILYN SMITH	Foot Prints Forward	
YVNE MARTIN	INUPATAKA OUTSTATION	
Ann Tregear	Gap Youth Centre	
Karen Liddle	WHERE ARTEPE	K Liddle
Beth Campbell	Alice Springs	Beth Campbell
STEPHANIE BELL	CONGRESS	S Bell
Donna Anchoe	CONGRESS	Donna Anchoe
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Jackie Baxter	self interest	Jackie Baxter
CHARLES HODGSON	KAIN MAREP TSI + AB	CH Hodgson
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Sharon Burns	CAAMA	Sharon Burns
LISA STEFANOFF	Independent	Lisa Stefanoff
Eileen Hobson	CAAMA	Eileen Hobson
SABELLA TURNER	IAD	Sabella Turner
EDDIE TAYLOR	CAACA	Eddie Taylor
Jonathan Braun	CAAMA	Jonathan Braun
John Howard	CAAMA	John Howard
Dolly Campbell	INUPATAKA	Dolly Campbell
JEFF TREUER BYRNS	INUPATAKA	Jeff Treuer Byrns
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Kylie Bloomfield	" "	Kylie Bloomfield
Kathrina Bloomfield	" "	K.A. Bloomfield

*Support letters from Indigenous Organisations for Combined
Aboriginal Organisations*

*Central Australian Alcohol Policy Unit
Central Australian Aboriginal Legal aid Service Incorporated
Ingkerreke Outstation Resource Service
Imparja Television
Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association
Footprints Forward
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Our organisation Yore Antipr A Corp hereby tenders its support
for the Combined Aboriginal Organisations to present the submission for
Regional Governance to the Senate Select Committee *at the LA Meeting*

Name ELIZABETH (Betty) PEARCE on 14/7/04
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Signature Elizabeth Pearce
Deputy Chair

Date 19/7/04

Marilyn Smith

From: CAAMA CEO [caamaceo@caama.com.au]

Sent: Thursday, 15 July 2004 1:44 PM

To: aherrenge; alistair; amoon; anmatjere; ann; arramwelke; Bess; bob; brian; cat; centrelink; craig; david ross; eileen shaw; Eileen V; eric; graeme smith; haasts; harold; hermansburg; ingkerreke; Ennifer Howard; john mcglynn; keringke; laramba; maralyn; michael; Owen Cole; papunya; pat miller; rose; sharon; stephanie; tracey; urapuntja; walungurru; william

Subject: Combined Aboriginal Organisations

COMBINED ABORIGINAL ORGANISATIONS

To Members of Combined Aboriginal Organisations

Dear Member

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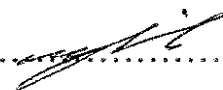
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Many Thanks

Priscilla Collins

Our organisation *FOOT PRINTS FORWARD* hereby tenders its support for the Combined Aboriginal Organisations to present the submission for Regional Governance to the Senate Select Committee

Name *MARILYN SMITH*

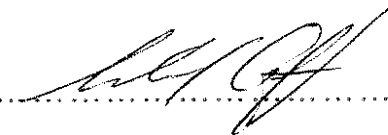
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Date *15/7/04*

Cilla Collins
CEO
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Our organisation ARRRRAOTE CONC! hereby tenders
its support for the Combined Aboriginal Organisations to
present the submission for Regional Governance to the Senate
Select Committee

Name MICHAEL GRIFFIN

Signature 

Date 17.7.2004



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Name Priscilla Collins

Signature Priscilla Collins

Date 15/7/04



15 July 2004

Our organisation, Imparja Television Pty Ltd, hereby tenders its support for the Combined Aboriginal Organisations to present the submission for Regional Governance to the Senate Select Committee.

Name ...Alistair Feehan.....

Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Rlterrke Athyenetjcke - Keeping Strong



Gene Martin

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Many Thanks

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Our organisation *INGKERREKE DUSTATION RESONNA SEKIRA* hereby tenders its support for the Combined Aboriginal Organisations to present the submission for Regional Governance to the Senate Select Committee

Name *GENE MARTIN*

16/07/2004

Signature 

Date 16/7/04

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Our ref:

Your ref:

Date:

Our organisation C.A.A.L.A.S. hereby tenders its support for the Combined Aboriginal Organisations to present the submission for Regional Governance to the Senate Select Committee

Name Patricia Miller

Signature P.A. Miller

Date 15.07.04

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Our organisation C.A.A.P.U. hereby tenders its support for the Combined Aboriginal Organisations to present the submission for Regional Governance to the Senate Select Committee

Name PETER ROSS

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Date 15 July 2004

Cilla Collins
CEO
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Priscilla Collins
Chief Executive Officer
Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association

Dear Priscilla

The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson state on behalf of IAD Board of Management, that support is given for the CAO proposed Regional Authority model to be presented to the Senate committee of inquiry on 20 July 2004.

IAD acknowledges that its representatives have been fully involved in the compilation and that the Prime Minister already has an alternative model in operation.

From Richard Hayes
Chairperson
16 July 2004
File 2.25

Our organisation Aboriginal Housing hereby tenders its support for the Combined Aboriginal Organisations to present the submission for Regional Governance to the Senate Select Committee

Name Kaylene O'Loughlin

Signature K. O'Loughlin

Date 19/7/04

**COMBINED ABORIGINAL ORGANISATIONS
ALICE SPRINGS
AGENDA
CAAMA MUSIC STUDIO
14TH JULY 2004 10AM**

1. ATSIK/ATSIK MODEL
2. PROPOSED REGIONAL AUTHORITY MODEL
3. LAND COUNCIL LAKE NASH MEETING 20TH JULY
2004
4. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE 20TH JULY 2004 1430
5. FIGHTING FUND
6. OTHER BUSINESS

**COMBINED ABORIGINAL ORGANISATIONS
MEETING**

TUESDAY 18/5/04

1600

1. AT SIS UPDATE - DES ROGERS
2. SENIOR INDIGENOUS LEADERS GROUP
3. APPLICATION TO AT SIS FOR FACILITATOR
4. LEGAL AIDE SUPPORT LETTER
5. CLC UPDATE - DAVID ROSS
6. NATIONAL PROTEST 25TH MAY 2004

At the Yeperenye Centre

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COMBINED ABORIGINAL ORGANISATIONS

Alice Springs

Meeting held on Thursday 29th April 2004

At CAAMA

AGENDA

Welcome by Chairman Mr Owen Cole.

1. Update on ATSIC/ATSISS - Mr Kevin Kerrin, Regional Manager to address the meeting.
2. Organisational Issues – Member Organisations to voice concerns relating to their particular Organisation.
3. Action(s) required:
 - National Politics – Public Relations
 - Lobbying
 - Media Campaign

 - Guaranteed Triennial Funding

 - Replacement National Body

 - Letters to Labour Ministers/Politicians

 - Demonstration in Canberra
4. Divestment of assets (eg Yeperenye Centre)
5. Any other Business

COMBINED ABORIGINAL ORGANISATIONS MEETING

MONDAY 10TH MAY 2003

10AM

CAAMA CONFERENCE ROOM

1. ATSYS Update from Des Rogers
2. Steering Committee
3. Application for funds for a facilitator to explore options
4. Future Action