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Torres Strait Islander Land Fund**

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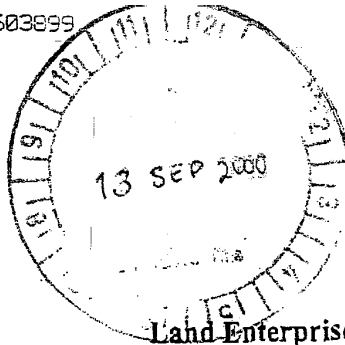
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Senator Jeannie Ferris  
Committee Chair  
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Native Title  
and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait  
Islander Land Fund  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senator Ferris

I write to you concerning the apparent leak of information with respect to draft ANAO Issues Papers earlier this year. You will recall that at the PJC hearing on 15 February your Committee asked a number of questions on this issue.

Subsequently, the Chairman of the ILC, Sharon Firebrace, wrote to the Secretary of your Committee on 2 August.

I am writing to inform you that the ILC Board, which met yesterday, did not sanction and was not aware of this letter, and nor was I until 6 September when my Executive Adviser, browsing the web, located it within your Report on the Examination of Annual Reports for 1998-99. The ILC Board wants you to be aware of its displeasure about this letter, which implies that the Board discussed the question of referral to the Australian Federal Police and dismissed it as an option. This is not true, as the matter of referral to any third party was never raised at the Board meeting of 8 May or any other Board meeting prior to yesterday's meeting.

You should also be aware that I had originally intended to raise the matter with the Australian Federal Police and had made initial enquiries in February. I was directed by the Chairman not to pursue those enquiries.

At Board discussion yesterday, the ILC Board took the view that the ILC should be pro-active in this matter and has asked me to raise this matter with the Australian Federal Police, which I shall be doing in the next few days.

I look forward to seeing you on 4 October for an informal briefing on the establishment and operations of Land Enterprise Australia.

I suggest you might like to circulate this letter to your Committee members.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Wilson', written over a large, faint, circular watermark or stamp.

**JOHN WILSON**  
Chief Executive Officer