



18 September 2020

Attention: Cairns Regional Claim Group Applicants

Dear Mr Brim and Ms Singleton

RE: Djabugay Language and Culture at Kuranda District State College

Thank you for your letter received on the 4th of September 2020.

The consultation regarding the proposed teaching of Djabugay Language at Kuranda District State College has been an extensive undertaking that has spanned over 12 months during which time, members of the community have had multiple opportunities to contribute to the consultation process or raise concerns.

Djabugay Tribal Aboriginal Corporation (DTAC) has undertaken Ngirrma programs, research and language publications of Djabugay for over 20 years and in the past has facilitated language and cultural programs at Kuranda District State College and Smithfield State High School. DTAC is also acknowledged by the vast majority of Djabugay language owners as the cultural authority. DTAC has endorsed the proposed formation of the Djabugay Language Advisory Group (DLAG) and the teaching of Djabugay language and culture at Kuranda District State College.

The proposed Djabugay Language Advisory Group is a College-based initiative that was conceptualised by the College to allow language decisions to be made by a number of representatives from across the Djabugay community.

We encourage members of the Cairns Regional Claim group to engage with the process that has been established.

Yours sincerely

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