

# Review Limmen River and Maria Island

Friday, 4 May 2018  
10:22 AM

Subject	<b>Review Limmen River and Maria Island</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	ZOLA, Elena
Sent	Thursday, 5 April 2018 12:22 PM

Hi Elena

This is Stephen Barrett from Limmen Bight Fishing Camp.

Yes I am very much interested in getting involved in this review issues on Land Claim (No.71 and part of Maria Island Land Claim (No.198).

I am not a Commercial Barramundi Fisherman anymore.I sold my License.

I have been doing Sea Ranger work for the past 2 and a half years with my son David Barrett.

David has done 10 years now based at Limmen River Fishing Camp.

We do a lot of surveillance work down Limmen River ,along coast between Towns River up to Rosie Creek.

Which we travel through Low and High water mark.

We also do a lot of work on Mara Land Trust plus Sacred Sites.

We do Rock Art work with Parks and Wildlife, Nathan River region.We also put up Sacred Sites signs.

In the last Ten Years we have been doing Cultural Mapping with Mara Elders and the significant of these places.

We all care for Limmen Bight Country, Maria and Beatrice Island.

Our family still run operate the Fishing Camp, Accommodation and Store.

Some Issues in the region

Unlicense Tour Operators

Helicopter Tour Operators landing on Mara Land Trust with no permits.

Crabbers camping on the Islands in the Limmen River leaving all their rubbish behind, cutting down Mangrove trees, building huts.

Putting bait nets inside closure line.

Putting way over their limit of crab pots between low and high water mark.

We have a lot of issues with die back Mangroves.Dead mangroves are continously dying.

.This season it has spread right up the river.

In the mangroves live and dead, there is a lot of dead, shellfish,mussells, mud crabs and green ants have moved on.

We have more issues in this area but my son David Barrett is not here at the moment, he is doing 3 weeks work at Borrooloola.

Looking forward to hear back form you.

PS If yous can make it down to Limmen this dry season.We can show some of the significant mapping and song lines.

King Regards

Stephen Barrett

Limmen River Fishing Camp

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# Land Claim

Friday, 4 May 2018  
10:44 AM

Subject	<b>Land Claim</b>
From	[REDACTED]
To	ZOLA, Elena
Sent	Tuesday, 10 April 2018 6:02 PM

Hi Elena

Yes, I do consent to my response being circulated amongst the relevant stakeholders.

We are mainly surrounded by parks and Mara Land Trust to the North.

No this matter doesn't have to be confidential whoever wants to know about what we are discussing, can read it or be told about it.

Limmen Bight Fishing Camp is on freehold land all our tourist camp on our land, they do not camp on these Islands.

i Most people that go to Maria Island go via Roper River not Limmen Fishing camp.

ii Not many people go between Limmen Bight and the watercourse known as Wurlbulinji because the low water mark goes out a long way and on high tide you cannot travel to close to the landline.

iii The Islands in the middle channel on low water out 5 meters from the tree line. You can travel very close to the Island on low tide.

iv The bed and banks of, and Islands in the Limmen Bight River between the junction, Cox River have a lot of significant and culture.

Our campers do not go on these Islands.

My relationship with the Aboriginal people we still have the same agreement. We have lived here for the last 30 odd years, we look after country. Care for country and move people on who do the wrong thing.

My present relationship with the Aboriginal people still stand.

It would be good if they put a permit system in place, these Islands and high low water mark and on Mara Land Trust as well.

We have a lot of issues with the procrabbers putting up make be camps on the Islands in the Limmen River and setting crab pots between high and low water mark and bait nets.

Kind Regards

Stephen Barrett

Limmen River Fishing Camp

# Stephen Barrett - Detriment Review LC 71/198

[SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

**From:** patsy evans [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 1 August 2018 10:20 AM  
**To:** ZOLA, Elena <Elena.ZOLA@network.pmc.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Submission

Hi Elena

I am abit late answering your email, I have been out at sea hunting for the pass week.

Went to the NLC meeting on the 19th of July at Borrooloola not realising NLC wants Low/High water mark, right along river frontage block, my block number is 3476 not 3467.

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Many years ago I paid Goverment surveyors x amount of dollars to survey block no 3476 which all of our river frontage was surveyed chain off the river.

Near the homestead they surveyed right to the high water mark, there is only 2 kilometres of river frontage to highwater mark,reason being for agriculture,slipway,boatramps, we need access to Low/High water mark at all times.

But nowadays we are more into Tourism,we are 20 kilometres from the Savannah Way road, some of these people passing through on motorbikes and cars with no boat or fishing tackle call in and camp overnight in that 2 kilometres zone.Which I feel they do not need a permit to just walk down Low/High water mark.

No I don't wish to withdraw these documents you can put it to public.I am only talking on the behalf of Marra Country and the elderly people who have passed, their knowledge on to me.

Kind Regards  
Stephen Barrett

PS. I have a copy of Title NT Portion 3476 with surveyed numbers. If you need a copy let us know.