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COAG Land Investigation
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Dear Sirs

COAG Investigation into Land Administration and Use – Submission to the Expert Indigenous Working Group

Bulganunna Aboriginal Corporation is the PBC for a large determination area in Central Queensland. A map of our determination area is **attached**.

In 2013/2014, Bulganunna participated in an informal PBC working group in Queensland. The working group considered issues and coordinated PBC responses to the Deloitte Access Economic study into NTRBs and RNTBCs. There doesn't appear to have been any coordinated Australian Government outcomes from the report submitted by Deloitte Access Economics. Are you able to advise what the Australian Government is doing about it?

The working group found that changes, including in relation to resourcing, need to be made so that PBCs are themselves better able to realise post-determination economic development opportunities. Although nothing in particular in that regard seems to have come out of the Deloitte Access Economics report so far, it is pleasing to see that COAG is now urgently investigating the issue from a land administration perspective.

Bulganunna values its close association with Torres Strait PBCs and has had the benefit of considering its submission to the EIWG.

Rather than repeating the content of that submission, I would like to indicate that Bulganunna strongly supports the submission.

There is growing concern by Bulganunna and many other PBCs about the accumulation of government initiated investigations, studies and reports into what needs to be done to support PBCs. It is very frustrating that little, if anything, by way of practical outcomes,

including their proper resourcing and role in relation to Indigenous economic development, has so far been forthcoming.

The submission by Torres Strait PBCs contains numerous very practical ideas and many suggestions for specific action items. Bulganunna urges COAG to get behind them so that real practical outcomes can start to happen on the ground (and in the seas).

Please write to me with details of the actual outcomes from the COAG investigation.

Yours sincerely

Chair 
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