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Your Reference: 62-03516

The Honourable Steven Dawson
Minister for Environment and Disability Services
Level 12 Dumas House
2 Havelock St,
West Perth WA 6005

Re: Draft Rock Art Monitoring Strategy

Dear Steven,

The Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation (MAC) wish to provide the following advice in relation to The Draft Burrup Monitoring Rock Art Strategy. Firstly, I wish to associate and endorse the submission that you would have received from the Centre for Rock Art Research and Management from the University of WA. We agree with their submission.

However, Murujuga would like to add the following for your consideration:

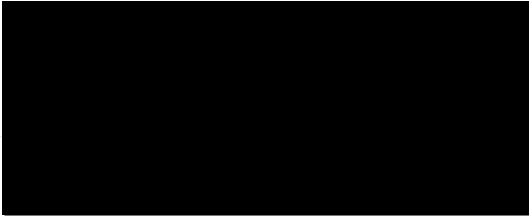
1. That Murujuga CEO and or Chairperson be included as participants of any formal "oversight" board or committee. Murujuga, as the land owners and cultural custodians should be involved in this capacity as a minimum.
2. That the practical aspects of the monitoring regime should be conducted by the Murujuga Rangers as a part of their ongoing "works" plan. There will be a requirement to build the capability of our rangers to ensure that they can take the appropriate samples or scientific data which would then be sent off for appropriate scientific analysis. This capability development has already commenced with our rangers working with UWA staff to take samples and measurements.
3. Financial resources need to be allocated to fund the work of the Rangers and our participation in the "oversight" committee.

Murujuga has to rely upon your government to enforce a scientifically valid, transparent and comprehensive Rock Art Monitoring regime.

It's fair to say that generally, relationships between government and Pilbara based Aboriginal representative organisations hasn't been very positive in the past. The early steps taken by you and your colleagues in government have been positive from our perspective. We hope to continue working with you on our positive journey into the future and a significant step along that journey is the protection of our sacred rock art.

We trust that the new Burrup Monitoring Rock Art Strategy that you will implement will meet our expectations.

Regards



Craig Bonney

Chief Executive Officer

Murujuga Aboriginal Corporation