



# Northern Land Council

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Mining: Land Rights Act points the way

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**Statement by Norman Fry, NLC Chief Executive, in response to calls by ATSIC Chairman Geoff Clark for an immediate halt to mining activities in Australia.**

“The NLC acts on the instructions of Aboriginal traditional owners at all times.”

“Where traditional owners give their consent to a particular exploration or mining proposal, the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976* enables the NLC to negotiate on their behalf equitable training, employment and compensation arrangements, including royalty payments.”

“The success of the Land Rights Act in delivering such outcomes over the past 26 years demonstrates what can be achieved by Australia’s Indigenous people given a favourable legislative environment.”