



Northern Land Council

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Gundjehmi concerns misplaced

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Northern Land Council (NLC) Chief Executive, Norman Fry, says concerns expressed today by the Gundjehmi Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) in relation to the NLC's role regarding uranium mining are misplaced.

"The NLC is steadfastly committed to the right of traditional owners to make their own decisions, whether for or against, regarding uranium mining or other development," Mr Fry said.

"Last week the NLC Full Council properly ensured that the Ngapa group could develop their country as a radioactive waste facility, as well as ensuring that the facility would not be located on the country of another group given concerns amongst its members."

"The NLC will continue this even-handed approach in properly performing its functions."

"Likewise in 2005 the NLC executed the Jabiluka long term care and maintenance agreement with ERA and the Mirrar, which ensures that the mine will only proceed with the consent of the Mirrar," Mr Fry said.

"Under clause 6.3 of that agreement the parties must meet in good faith every four years from 1 July 2006 to ascertain the Mirrar position regarding the future of the mine."

"Naturally, in accordance with its statutory functions, the NLC will continue to faithfully represent the position of the Mirrar from such meetings," Mr Fry said.