



Northern Land Council

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Long serving NLC CEO completes service

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Northern Land Council (NLC) Chairman, Wali Wunungmurra, today announced that the NLC's long serving Chief Executive, Norman Fry, has resigned from the NLC.

"For almost 12 years Norman Fry has provided outstanding service to the NLC as easily its longest serving Chief Executive, but will be completing his service at the end of this week to develop other opportunities," Mr Wunungmurra said.

"Mr Fry's service occurred during some of the most difficult years for land rights in the NLC's history, however his uncompromising commitment to both land rights and economic development outcomes means that the NLC is well placed for the future."

"Mr Fry's vision ensured that the NLC has sound relations at senior levels with both sides of politics, thus maximising outcomes for traditional owners," Mr Wunungmurra said.

"Mr Fry was instrumental in many major projects, including the proposed radioactive waste facility at Muckaty Station, the Blue Mud Bay seas case (on appeal to the High Court next week), obtaining Aboriginal equity in infrastructure projects such as the railway and gas pipeline, and the establishment of the Larrakia Development Corporation including the Darla Palmerston development."

"The NLC will continue the strategic direction implemented by Mr Fry, and remains committed to supporting the rights of traditional owners to make their own decisions regarding development on their country," Mr Wunungmurra said.

"This includes supporting both the Ngapa traditional owners at Muckaty Station who have agreed to a radioactive waste facility, as well as supporting the Mirrar traditional owners who oppose uranium mining at Jabiluka."

"The NLC extends its appreciation to Mr Fry for his commitment, dedication and long service, and wishes him the best in his future endeavours," Mr Wunungmurra said.