



# Northern Land Council

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### Aboriginal Peoples Lives put further at risk by NT Government Brawl

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Northern Land Council (NLC) Chief Executive, Kim Hill today said that Marion Scrymgour's resignation from the Northern Territory Government was the only course she could take since she had accused the government of lying to Aboriginal people regarding its Outstations policy.

"While I acknowledge Marion's efforts in highlighting the concerns of Traditional Owners and residents of homelands Marion could no longer work with a government that she says has lied, and that she was party to," said Mr Hill.

Mr Hill also said that the turmoil within the Northern Territory Government puts Aboriginal peoples lives further in jeopardy because of the increased uncertainty surrounding Aboriginal affairs.

"Aboriginal people's lives are at stake. We need certainty and good, clear policy so that we know where we stand. The Outstations policy announcement has caused stress and anxiety amongst Aboriginal people and government turmoil further increases this" he said.

"The NLC will continue to work with Marion Scrymgour and the NT Government to ensure that we get the best results for Aboriginal people.

"Now more than ever, the NT Government needs to get its house in order and re-engage with its Indigenous electorate."

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Kim Hill is in Melbourne.

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