



# Northern Land Council

## MEDIA STATEMENT

### **Congratulations Barack Obama**

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The Northern Land Council (NLC) has today written to the US President-Elect, Senator Barack Obama to congratulate him on his historic victory.

In the letter NLC Chairman, Wali Wunungmurra urged Senator Obama to maintain the dignity and spirit of inclusion he has fostered throughout his campaign.

“This is a truly fantastic result and a very important decision for the world,” said Mr Wunungmurra.

“I was absolutely overwhelmed, astonished and very happy that the American people voted in a Yolngu guy. And as I said in the letter, he is a beacon of hope for all peoples in the world.

“In Australia we are striving for change, and there are many ups and downs along the way – but with America voting in Senator Barack Obama makes us believe the world can change.

“The NLC stands tall and stands proud with Senator Obama, and he will always be welcome in our country.”

The letter was hand-delivered today to visiting US Embassy staff at the Northern Land Council office in Darwin.

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