

DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

MEETING NOTES – URBAN SETTLEMENTS PROJECT

TOPIC

PUBLIC

Urban Settlements Project (USP)

BACKGROUND

The DIA Land Branch has been dealing with the issue of a “clean up” of waste on the Cullacabardee and Gngarra sites. As a consequence of this process and the location of Cullacabardee on the Priority One water mound, options for the future of Cullacabardee has been discussed by the Aboriginal Lands Trust (ALT).

On a related issue, the Hon Minister has indicated “that DIA liaise with ATSIC with a view to developing a position and strategy for addressing the issues and future of metropolitan communities”. The Hon Minister advised Cullacabardee Aboriginal Corporation (M52397) “I have asked DIA to liaise with representatives of the Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander Commission and prepare advice for me on the status and future of all the Indigenous “communities” located in the metropolitan area”.

The ATSIC Perth Noongar Regional Council are known to support an overall review of all Metropolitan Indigenous settlements.

The Urban Settlements Project (USP) will be concerned with advising the Hon Minister of the current status, and, recommendations for the future of;

- Cullacabardee
- Urban Community of Henley Brook (Saunders Street)
- Noongar Community, Gngarra
- Swan Valley Nyungar Community

The USP will include consideration of the future of the Cullacabardee site. This will result in the Cullacabardee issue being dealt with in a broader context than the water mound issue and ensure there is no unnecessary duplication of consultation with stakeholders and community.

PURPOSE OF MEETING / DESIRED OUTCOME

A meeting has been convened between the Director General DIA, Chairperson of the ATSIC Perth Noongar Regional Council and ASTIC Commissioner, South West Zone, **to discuss the parameters of the USP and establish a clear mandate to proceed.** The Director General of Housing and Works is invited to participate as a major stakeholder.

Hearings
18/8/03
MR Richard Comy.