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Dear Djabugay, Bulway, Yirrganydji, Nyakali, and Guluy People,

Djabugay Nation Native Title Claim (QUD692/2016) - Community Consultations - Claim Group Description

The North Queensland Land Council ('NQLC') are hosting several community consultations to discuss the Claim Group Description in your native title claim.

The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Date and Time	Location
Monday, 14 July 2025 - 12pm to 2pm	Mareeba Royals Church 9 Park Avenue Mareeba QLD 4880
Monday, 14 July 2025 - 6pm to 8pm	Kuranda CWA Hall Kuranda 20 Thongon Street Kuranda QLD 4881
Tuesday, 15 July 2025 - 12pm to 2pm	Yarrabah YASC Community Hall Cnr Beach Road and Muka Street Yarrabah QLD 4871
Wednesday, 16 July 2025 - 12pm to 2pm	Cairns Pandanus room - Rydges Cairns Esplanade 209-217 Abbott Street Cairns City QLD 4870

What is the purpose of these meetings?

These meetings are to discuss the Claim Group Description for the Djabugay Nation Native Title Claim (QUD692/2016) and to consider and discuss possible future changes.

A native title claim uses a Claim Group Description to describe the people who will hold native title after a determination.

The Djabugay Nation Native Title Claim Group is comprised of those who descend from one or more of the apical ancestors (including through traditional adoption) that follow:

1. Biddy Tangir Coleman;
2. George Coleman;
3. Ginny/ Jinny Njujingai;
4. Worundu and Maritjima (parents of Ernest Bounghi);
5. Billy Boyle;
6. Nellie Kuranda nee Street (mother of Topsy Thomas and others);
7. Andrew Thomas aka Billy;
8. Jerry Bardon;
9. Maggie (mother of Janie Clark nee Brown);
10. Robert Clarke;
11. Joshua Barron;
12. Merukan (father of Toby Brim and others)
13. Annie Brim;
14. Barney Hunter and Minnie Street;
15. Tambo/ Sambo Street and Kitty Street;
16. Jimmy Hobbler;
17. Billy Hobbler;
18. Tommy Newbury;
19. Jimmy Newbury and Polly Thompson;
20. Waikanigai;
21. Joe and Annie Davidson;
22. Andrew Dabah;
23. Billy Long and Nellie (parents of Nellie Hastie);
24. Jimmy and Nellie Street;
25. Jinny (mother of Tambo Banning);
26. Minnie (mother of Buttercup Banning);
27. Billy and Rosie (parents of Bella Robinson who raised Charlie Levers and Peter Banning);
28. Annie Courtney;
29. Polly Courtney;
30. Kitty Courtney (mother of Dick Richardson and others);
31. Charlie (who partnered Kitty Courtney);
32. Molly Dingga and her partners Ngunbitji and Patupita (Parents of George Kuranda/Carrol, Maggie Bowen and Jinnie Kuranda);
33. Tommy Hobson and his partners Cissie and Rose;
34. Kitty Donald;
35. Nellie and Micky (parents of Mary Anne Lawrence);

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| 36. Cissie Hunter; | 45. Lizzie and Peter Harwood; |
| 37. Wulwai; | 46. Frank and Jinnie of Redlynch; |
| 38. Waimbul and Jakere; | 47. Billy and Rosie of Speewah; |
| 39. Jikangoman (mother of Charlie Hyde); | 48. Jeanie Graper; |
| 40. Nellie of Redlynch (who partnered Jiritju); | 49. Charlie McGrath aka Frank Lyons; |
| 41. Charlie Fourmile; | 50. Nellie (mother of Peter, Charlie, Mick and Phillip Reid); |
| 42. Walter Fourmile | 51. Henry of Barron River; |
| 43. Billy Jagar; | 52. Old Man Manga/Mange; and |
| 44. Kitty Ikitjiti (mother of Maggie Aleck); | 53. Niju Wu of Double Island. |

For clarity, the Djabugay-Yirrganydji-Bulway-Nyakali-Guluy People can trace descent from the above ancestors either through patrilineal or matrilineal links.

At the community consultations, we are providing an opportunity for Djabugay, Bulway, Yirrganydji, Nyakali, and Guluy People to consider and discuss the following Apical Ancestors in the Claim Group Description. Discussions will include the way they are described in the claim, and for some, whether they should be added or removed:

- a) Robert Clarke being changed to 'Kitty (the mother of Robert Clarke)' and 'Rosie (the mother of Lizzie Street)'.
- b) Charlie and Walter Fourmile's inclusion as ancestors.
- c) Winmai (the mother of Mick Sheppard)'s inclusion as an ancestor.
- d) Changing Jinny the mother of Tambo Banning to 'the unnamed father of Tambo Banning and Jack Banning'.

It is important that you understand that no binding decisions will be made at these community meetings. Your attendance at one of the meetings is nonetheless very important to be informed and to provide your feedback on the changes that need to be considered.

What will happen after the community meetings?

After the community meetings, NQLC will:

- provide a written report to the Djabugay, Bulway, Yirrganydji, Nyakali, and Guluy People which records the outcomes of the community meetings and provides recommendations about the next steps to authorise any changes to the claim group description; and

- set in place arrangements for the Djabugay, Bulway, Yirrganydji, Nyakali, and Guluy People to attend an authorisation meeting to be held in Cairns over two days (the authorisation meeting will ask Djabugay, Bulway, Yirrganydji, Nyakali, and Guluy People to make binding decisions to authorise changes to the claim group description).

Who to contact at NQLC to register your intention to attend?

Please note that NQLC is unable to assist with travel expenses for people to attend these community meetings. One of the reasons for holding the meetings over three days in different locations is to give all Djabugay, Bulway, Yirrganydji, Nyakali, and Guluy People the option of attending at a conveniently located venue without incurring travel expenses.

To assist us with meeting arrangements, including catering and any necessary dietary requirements, could you please register your intention to attend **on or before Friday 4 July 2025** by contacting **Maddy Fuller** or **NQLC's reception** by telephone to **07 4042 7000** or **Free call 1800 814 779** or by email to legaladministration@nqlc.com.au.

Kind regards,



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