



MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Reference: B14/2725

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Dear Mr Beven

Following our discussions, I am writing to confirm arrangements and seek an update regarding the investigations into the Western Desert Puntukurnuparna Aboriginal Corporation (WDPAC) s22 [REDACTED].

As we previously discussed, there is strong community concern and ongoing media attention regarding allegations of corporate misconduct with respect to both organisations. As such, I asked that your Office review the outcomes of the previous investigation conducted of WDPAC s22 [REDACTED]  
s22 [REDACTED]

To ensure that all possibilities are explored, I would suggest that you seek external legal advice as part of such a review, including consulting with the Commonwealth Director of Public Prosecutions on the best course of action.

I would appreciate it if you could update my Office on your investigation into WDPAC s22 [REDACTED] including when you anticipate that this work will be completed.

As you are aware, the Government is undertaking significant policy and programme reform to deliver of its commitment to improve the lives of Indigenous Australians. Under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy, the Government has committed to ensuring that Indigenous people are receiving the economic benefits from the effective management of their land. I thank you for the cooperative approach you have taken in working with me and my Office and the role that your Office provides in assisting the Government deliver on these commitments.

Yours sincerely

NIGEL SCULLION

21st October 2014



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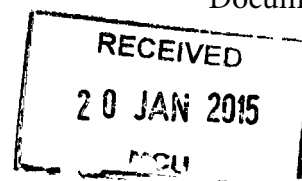
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**Western desert corporations**

I refer to your letter dated 21 October 2014 in relation to Western Desert Puntukurnuparna Aboriginal Corporation ICN: 319 (WDPAC) s22

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A copy of your

letter is attached.

**WDPAC**

In late 2014 I undertook a review of the investigation conducted by my office into allegations made about WDPAC and its former officers and employees in the period from July 2008 to April 2010. That investigation was concluded in 2012 s42

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Based on the review I undertook s42 I will be taking no further action in relation to the historical allegations made in relation to WDPAC.

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Please feel free to contact me if you require a specific briefing at this stage in relation to the matters raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely

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