



LARRAKIA NATION

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Larrakia Nation Statement Regarding DHA Project at Lee Point – Withdrawal of Support

In 2021, the Larrakia Nation provided a letter of support for the Lee Point Project to Defence Housing Australia. This was done under the impression that appropriate consultation had occurred in the feasibility stages of the project from 2014-2018, combined with the issuance of an Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority (AAPA) Certificate to the Lee Point Project.

Recently, important, and prominent elders of our Nation, Aunty Lorraine Williams, Uncle Tibby Quall and Uncle Eric Fejo, raised concern regarding the project, identifying significant areas of Cultural Heritage on the site. We are also aware that full and appropriate consultation was not completed on the project as purported by the authorities.

The Larrakia Nation strongly supports appropriate consultation and all claims made by Larrakia, regarding Country, Culture and Language – whether those claims were made at the time of provision of an AAPA Certificate or not.

We reserve the right to withdraw support for any project on our lands, should our members and families raise legitimate claims.

Therefore, the Board of Directors on behalf of the Larrakia Nation, our Families, our Country, and our Culture, formally withdraw our support for the Lee Point Project.

We stand with our people. #LarrakiaFirst #SaveLeePoint

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