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Jaru Traditional Owners negotiate successful agreement



KRED Enterprises and the Jaru native title claim group have successfully negotiated an agreement with Northern Minerals, locking in substantial economic benefits for the Jaru people of the East Kimberley, should the Northern Minerals project to mine rare earth progress.

The Browns Range Project Co-existence Agreement was put before the Jaru native title claim group at a two-day meeting (10 and 11 June 2014) attended by close to 200 people at Ringer Soak.

Jaru people consent to grant a mining lease to the company in exchange for a comprehensive benefits package and ongoing participation in the operation of the mine. The package includes financial benefits, share options and support to Ringer Soak and Jaru to sustain Jaru heritage, law and culture.

Northern Minerals have also committed to implement best environmental practice at all levels of operations, to carry out a full social and cultural impact assessment in conjunction with KRED and Jaru and to prioritise employment and contracting opportunities for Jaru people that will increase over the life of the mine.

KRED's CEO Wayne Bergmann says it's a strong agreement and a major achievement for the Jaru people.

"Here in the Kimberley, we're setting national benchmarks with our agreements between

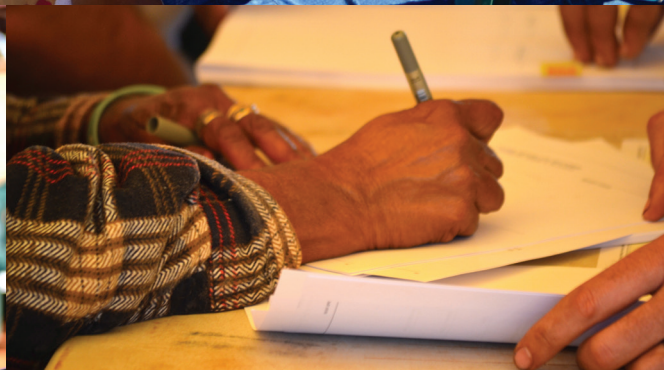


Traditional Owners and mining companies. We're confident this particular agreement protects the Jaru people's cultural heritage and environment as best it can within Australian law. If the project is progressed as planned then it has the potential to provide many positive economic and social benefits to the Jaru people and the wider community," Mr Bergmann says.

Jaru named applicant and signatory to the agreement Bonnie Edwards, says, "I'm confident we've got the best agreement we could have. KRED has worked hard to represent the Jaru people and I'm hoping as the benefits flow in, this will mean a higher standard of living and more opportunities for Jaru people."

Consistent with the cultural values and responsibilities of KRED's membership to look after each other, the agreement also has a provision for a portion of the benefits to be contributed to KRED's regional fund, which is used to support and enhance all its members across the Kimberley, including Jaru.

Whilst the signing of the Browns Range Project Co-existence Agreement signals an important step in the strengthening of the relationship between Jaru and Northern Minerals, the full benefits for Jaru people are dependent on Northern Minerals securing investors for the project and confirming the mine will proceed. If they're successful in doing this over the next six months, construction of the mine will begin in 2015.



Kimberley Traditional Owners refuse to be Australia's guinea pig



Traditional Owners will meet at Yurmulun Community (Pandanus Park) on Thursday 17th July to discuss Mitsubishi-Buru's controversial plans to frack for shale and tight gas in the Kimberley without an EPA assessment.

Despite State Government approval for Mitsubishi-Buru's 2014 pilot fracking program, Nyikina Mangala Traditional Owners are concerned over the lack of environmental monitoring.

"We need to ensure environmental checks and balances are in place right from the start," says Nyikina Mangala Traditional Owner and PBC Director Anthony Watson. "While Mitsubishi-Buru might be adhering to government standards, experience has taught us that often government isn't at sufficient arm's length from business to make a proper decision."

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"Fracking opponents in the United States talk of irrevocable damage to river systems and water supplies. We need to be absolutely confident Mitsubishi-Buru has the capability to undertake this safely," Mr. Watson says.



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MEETING TO DISCUSS FRACKING IN THE KIMBERLEY

KRED Enterprises Pty Ltd hereby gives notice of a meeting to discuss fracking in the Kimberley's Canning Superbasin. This is a meeting for:

1. Members of Ambooriny Burru – Traditional Owners from Karajarri, Nyikina Mangala, Ngurrara, Mayala, Bardi Jawi, Koonjie and Elvire, Tjurabalan, Mawadjala Gadjidgar, Yi-Martuwarra Ngurrara and Jaru;
2. Other Traditional Owners that will be affected by Mitsubishi Buru's plans to frack;
3. Other invited Traditional Owners.

The meeting has been set for Thursday 17th July 2014 at 9:00am in Yurmulun (Pandanus Park) Community.

The agenda will cover:

- Overview of the Canning Superbasin
- Buru Energy and Mitsubishi Corporation State Agreement with WA State Government
- What has the joint venture been doing?
- Fracking

There is no funding for this meeting. We need to discuss serious issues that will affect all of us. Please send a representative, as we need to stand together.

For further information please contact Madelaine Dickie on 0488 771 411 or (08) 9192 8782 at the KRED office.

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The meeting comes only weeks after the Yungngora Community at Noonkanbah Station publically backed Mitsubishi-Buru's plans to frack for gas at their Asgard well in the second half of this year.

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"Until Nyikina Mangala have had the chance to hear from and consider the advice of independent experts on Mitsubishi-Buru's frack plans, we cannot make an informed decision about what happens on our country," Mr Bergmann says.

Invitees to the bush meeting include Yawuru Traditional Owners, members of the Ambooriny Burru Foundation (represented by KRED Enterprises) and any other Kimberley Traditional Owners concerned they may be impacted by the effects of fracking.

"This meeting is about getting organised to protect the things that are important to us," Mr Bergmann says.

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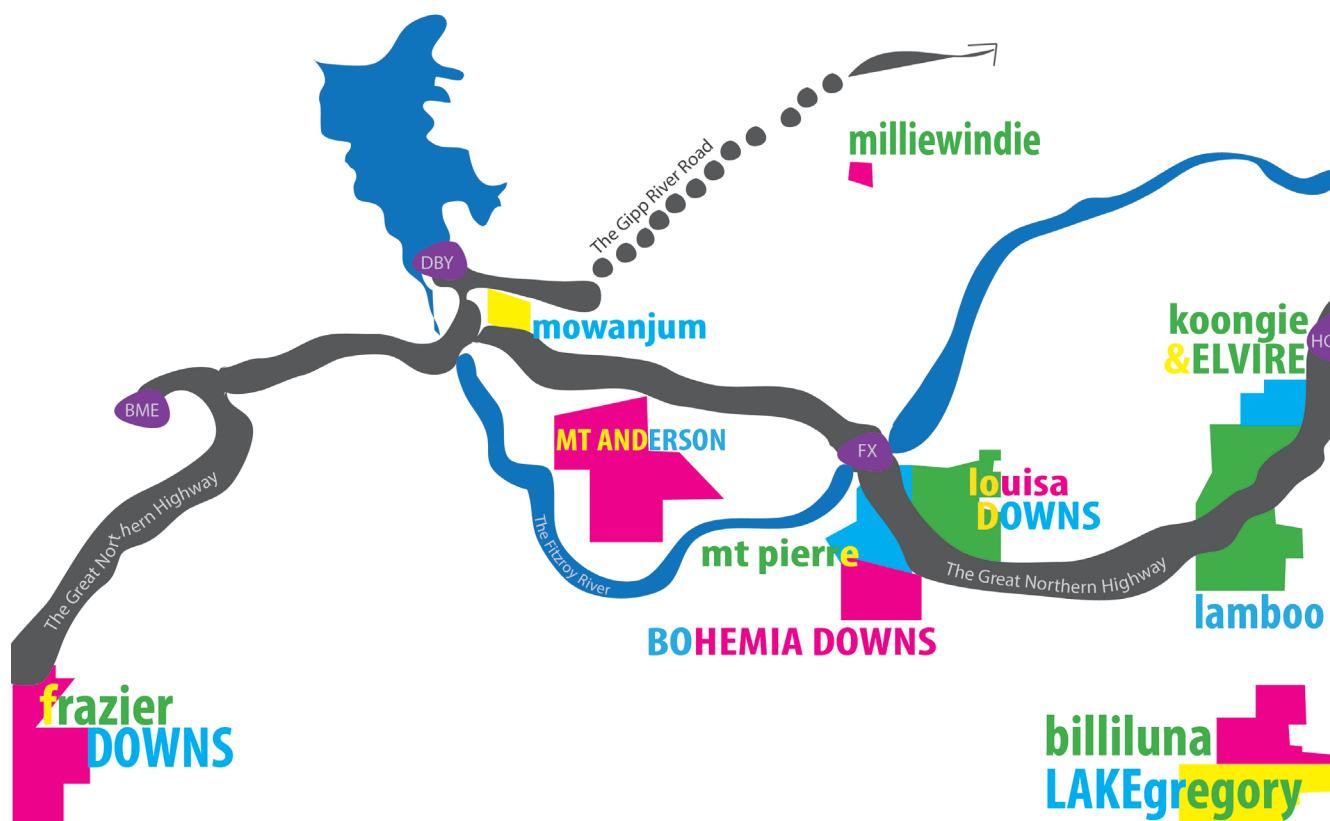


Wayne Bergmann, CEO of KRED Enterprises, has been appointed as a member on the Northern Australia Advisory Group. He thinks a winning formula to create sustainable economic opportunities in northern Australia is to combine people, resources and our unique location. The White Paper on developing Northern Australia is due to be released later this year and we'll keep you in the loop with updates.

Kimberley Pastoral Co-op Update



Over the last month, we've got our working group up and running, have entered into detailed discussions with an initial three stations (Frazier Downs, Mt Anderson and Bohemia Downs) and are working with a number of other stations to get our Kimberley Pastoral Co-op really kicking. Government have been supportive so far, with Indigenous Business Australia (IBA) working on a detailed business and marketing plan and various state ministers, including Mia Davies, WA Minister for Water, voicing their support. We'll keep you posted!



Nyikina Mangala native title: is it enough?



"In our traditional economy we created opportunities, we shared gifts and we looked after each other. Now that we participate in a western wage economy, we need to do this again. The challenge is finding a balance. The responsibility rests on us to make this work."

This was the muscle behind Wayne Bergmann's first speech as Chairperson of the Nyikina Mangala Prescribed Body Corporate (PBC).

Bergmann delivered the speech as part of the Nyikina Mangala Native Title Consent Determination at Lanji Lanji.

But now the dust at Lanji Lanji has settled, his reflections are more somber.

"We can't rely on native title law to protect the things that are important to us. It's not strong enough, so we have to continue to assert our rights to ensure our interests are protected."

Nonetheless, it was a momentous occasion.

The respected John Watson opened the ceremony by calling everyone to Lanji Lanji with a Boogardi Garda (Dreamtime) story. The story was about the creation of the country, the Fitzroy River, and the people who walked the country before the creation of the river.

Usually the story is sung over a couple of days but Mr Watson cut it short to fit with the program.

Hundreds of people then gathered under tents and the shade of the majala trees to listen as Attorney-General Michael Mischin, and Federal Court officials including Justice Gilmour, handed native title rights to the Nyikina Mangala people.

Nyikina Mangala country covers over 26,000sq kilometers of land and the native title determination means that there's now one million square kilometers of recognised native title in Western Australia.

According to Robert Watson, a Traditional Owner who also runs Nyikina Mangala cultural awareness packages for KRED, it's about time.

"Twenty-one years ago I stood in Canberra pushing for native title legislation to be passed. For years, we've seen other people receive native title on their respective countries—now it's our turn. Today is a part of our history, much of which is untold, unsaid, unheard and unacknowledged."

The path ahead, however, looks to be equally as challenging, particularly given the mining interests in the Canning Basin, much of which is on Nyikina Mangala country.

While native title law alone is not strong enough to protect our interests, KRED is currently working as best we can to protect our members' cultural values, intellectual property and fundamental rights as traditional owners in the Kimberley.

We negotiate with companies on behalf of our members, eight native title claim groups from across the Kimberley, and give our members the best possible information so they can make informed decisions about what happens on their country.



KRED Enterprises were privileged to be invited to Munkajarra by Nyikina Mangala Traditional Owner Rona Charles. The kids were shining up their skills for the Mowanjum Festival!



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Nyikina Mangala & Karajarri Traditional Owners after several long days of negotiations with Buru Energy in Broome