



MINISTER FOR INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Reference: MC17-027492

Mr Aaron Grainger  
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Dear Mr Grainger

Thank you for your email of 10 March 2017 about training young Indigenous jobseekers from the Pandanus Aboriginal Community for opportunities in your sand mining operations.

I commend you on your vision of creating opportunities to help Indigenous youth in remote Australia gain skills so they can get a job or start their own businesses. Through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy, we are committed to three priorities which are fundamental to improving the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians: getting children to school, adults to work and making communities safer.

To support you, I have asked Mr Douglas Clements from my Department's Kimberley Regional Office to contact you to discuss the options available to train local Indigenous jobseekers. Mr Clements can be contacted by phone on (08) 9138 2610 or by email [douglas.clements@network.pmc.gov.au](mailto:douglas.clements@network.pmc.gov.au).

You can also find more information on <https://www.dpmc.gov.au/indigenous-affairs/indigenous-advancement-strategy>.

Thank you again for taking the time to write. I wish you every success in delivering sustainable training and employment outcomes for Indigenous Australians in the sand mining industry.

Yours sincerely

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Mr Aaron Granger

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Dear Aaron

**Letter of Support – Waroona Indigenous Training and Employment Project**

Thank you for advising the Peel Development Commission of the project which you are progressing in Waroona to provide training and employment opportunities for Indigenous people.

I acknowledge that your proposal will have a number of benefits to the Peel region as well as providing the skills necessary for members of the Pandanus Park Aboriginal Community, in the West Kimberley, to operate a similar business to support economic sustainability for that group.

The Commission is well aware that there is a strong need to develop economic growth and jobs in the Peel. I understand that through your proposal, benefits will flow to local transport and supply businesses with the resultant 'knock on' effect to the local economy.

The supply of a basic raw material, such as sand of the quality you describe, will create economic benefit particularly in the earthworks, building and construction sectors.

I wish you well with accessing appropriate clearing and environmental permits to enable this proposal to proceed.

Yours sincerely

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Andrew Ward  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

14 June 2017

# Josie Farrer MLA

Member for the **Kimberley**



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29<sup>th</sup> March 2017

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Dear Minister

## AMGWA PTY LTD

My office has been approached by Mr Aaron Grainger of AMGWA Pty Ltd (AMGWA), requesting support in relation an application for a clearing permit with the Department of Environment Regulation (DER) for AMGWA proposed operations in Waroona.

The initial application was declined by appeal and the then Minister Jacobs supported the DER's decision. The decision was based on the Green Growth Plan (GGP) which was in draft form however, they were told by Minister Jacobs to reapply. The second GGP was not considered amounting to two years of unsuccessful planning which lead nowhere. AMGWA have the scope to deliver on this contract and require the clearing permit urgently.

By way of background, Mr Grainger's son in law, Gary Barnes is a shareholder in the company and the companies trust is in the names of Mr Grainger's grandchildren (Mr Barnes' children) who are Traditional Owners of country in close proximity to Broome up to the Dampier Peninsula in the Kimberley. The Barnes' family also have a very strong family relationship with the Nyikina people. This relationship has fostered a working relationship with AMGWA and they now have a financial joint venture agreement with the Pandanus Park community, in Nyikina country, with a scope to include ongoing training and employment to community members. Mr Grainger has been an advocate for the Community ensuring that issues are brought to the attention of relevant parties and Government Departments. Mr Grainger also assists the Community by overseeing its reporting obligations to the Department of Mines and Petroleum for the mine site established on Nyikina Country, initiated by Mr Grainger.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Kind regards,

Josie Farrer MLA  
Member for Kimberley

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Mr Aaron Grainger  
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Dear Mr Grainger

Thank you for your telephone call on 29 May 2017.

I would like to commend you and AMG (WA) Pty Ltd in your intention to provide employment and training opportunities for members of the Pandanus Park Aboriginal Community. This is consistent with the McGowan Government's priority to drive jobs growth for Aboriginal communities.

If you would like to discuss this matter or seek further assistance, please contact Mr Peter Donovan, Director Economic Development on 6551 8125 or by email at Peter.Donovan@daa.wa.gov.au.

I wish AMG (WA) Pty Ltd success in its future endeavours.

Yours sincerely

  
**VAUGHAN DAVIES**  
**ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL**

6 June 2017



## Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre

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21 June 2017

Mr Aaron Grainger  
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Dear Mr Grainger

**RE: Employment and training opportunities for Aboriginal people**

Thank you for your correspondence on the initiative you are progressing to provide employment and training opportunities for the Pandanus Park Aboriginal Community members utilising your Waroona site.

Your proposal will provide a number of economic benefits for the Pandanus Park Aboriginal Community and Peel region along with providing critical on the job skills and experience required on such a sites throughout the State.

The Aboriginal Workforce Development Centres (AWDC) are located in 9 key locations across the State, in the Kimberley, Pilbara, Mid-West, Goldfields, Wheatbelt, Great Southern, South West, Peel and Perth. The role of the AWDC is to achieve sustainable employment outcomes for Aboriginal people in a culturally sensitive way by working with jobseekers, employers and service providers.

We look forward to working and supporting you on your initiative and wish AMG Pty Ltd success in its future endeavours.

Yours sincerely

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