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**INQUIRY INTO MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC LAND IN  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

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Leightons claims of consultation with the Aboriginal community through extensive community consultation are false.

Department of Aboriginal Affairs removal of Ngaraakwal / Ngandowal corporation from the Aboriginal Reference Group has led to no consultation, false cultural heritage study and our rivals controlled the ARG, cut us totally out of the Aboriginal Participation Plan

The policy of N.S.W. Aboriginal Affairs and Tweed Byron Local Aboriginal Land Council under the prior N.S.W. Government has been to eradicate Ngaraakwal, replacing us with the false Bundjalung Nation and false Arakwal Iluas, false cultural information like used as Government policy.

Senior Elders and I attempted to meet with Minister Kelly and called for a Royal Commission inquiry in January 2010.

Mr Provest, the State Member for Tweed, forwarded my initial complaints on the Lot 490 scandal to Ministers Lynch and Kelly.

The Aboriginal Reference Group promoted a restaurant proposal from an ARG member put as a commercial in confidence proposal.

Daily News 3 Feb 2007 article states "Eat Me Wild, a taste of Australia's wild native food, is the brainchild of Gold Coast-based Phil Teissl and Murwillumbah-based Russell Logan and Paul Dodd".

My sister Marlene Boyd stood up to Mr Logan who also was chairman of NSW National Parks false Wollumbin consultative group.

Daily News 23 dec 2006 states "But her claims were dismissed by president of the Tweed Byron Land Council, Russell Logan who said Mrs Boyd was part of a small group who had set out to politically oppose the Land Council.

Mr Logan said the Bundjalung Nation stretched from Grafton to Beaudesert".

There was no Bundjalung Nation, we have been rubbed out of existence by these false claims.

Mediation was instructed by the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Reba Meagher, Mr Logan stated this in Tweed Shire Councils minutes in 2007. No mediation has occurred.

Tweed Shire Councils false Goorimahbah gardens lost \$10.65 million in withheld federal funds in another restaurant attempt.

Mr Logan wrote to the Premier and State ministers alleging: Daily News 26 Feb 2007

“Tweed Byron Aboriginal Land Council boss Russell Logan has accused the state government of giving favourable consideration to major developers he claims are donors to the Labor Party.

Mr Logan made his accusations in a letter to Premier Morris Iemma, Lands Minister Tony Kelly and Tweed MP Neville Newell, slamming the public consultation process for exploitation of one of the last remaining coastal land sites on the Tweed.

The letter points out a "number of interested groups" are planning a submission to the Independent Commission Against Corruption about the Lot 490 tendering process.

He said it now appeared that consultation with the Aboriginal community would occur only after the successful tenderer had been decided, expected by mid-year.

"That is tokenistic consultation, it feels like nothing has changed for Aboriginal people in over 200 years," Mr Logan said.

His letter to the Premier, copied to Mr Kelly and Mr Newell, claims the management plan guidelines for community consultation for Lot 490 were misinterpreted and exploited by Lands Department officials.

"This interpretation has disadvantaged local developers and provided a clear pathway for multi-national developers to progress through tender without complying with the (management plan)," the letter says.

"One of these local developers had previously been told by the Lands Department that they were the only tender that fully complied.

"The multi-national companies in question are major donors to the ALP and on face value the process as it stands could be seen as political preference to favour donors."□

Mr Logan has alleged tokenistic consultation, there has been no consultation by the removal of Ngaraakwal / Ngandowal representation from the ARG, the conflict of interest and failure to comply with conditions of the Aboriginal Participation Plan mean the Kingscliff Resort development cannot be approved.

Elder Harry Boyd