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Native Title Case Manager
Federal Court of Australia
Queensland Registry
Level 6, Harry Gibbs Commonwealth
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Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Kabi Kabi Undambi and Kabi Kabi 'First Nation' applicants and their applications (QC908/2016) (QUD280/2013) respectively.

Please note that these two applications are by the same group of people/claimants.

I have been made aware that a group of people calling themselves 'Kabi Kabi First Nation' the Traditional Owners have made two applications Kabi Kabi Undambi (QC908/2016) and previously as Kabi Kabi 'First Nation' (QUD280/2013) to the Federal Court of Australia seeking recognition of their native title rights and interests.

I have a few objections and raise some questions with regards to these claims in which this group of people are making the applications in addition to the initial claimant, claiming that they are the 'First Nation.' It is wrong to add First Nation to the Kabi Kabi name. The words 'First Nation' are of the English Language and not from our Australian Indigenous Language.

The Kabi Kabi or as it's known today the 'Gubbi Gubbi' people were the first people to occupy this region as per the previous application (QUD280/2013) but that does not give them the mistaken right to call themselves the First Nation of the Australian people, let alone the World.

Calling themselves 'Kabi Kabi First Nation' is in fact an insult to all the people of the Commonwealth of Australia.

It is important to us as members of the Gubbi Gubbi Language Group, who were not consulted at the time of the application (QUD280/2013) and more recently application (QC908/2016) that we share our knowledge, heritage, culture and traditional lands and we welcome all and we do this with honesty and pride.

The book, "An Island Surrounded by Land" authored by Frances and John Windolf refers to the first people who made their home in the Sunshine coastal region were part of the language group now commonly known as the Gubbi Gubbi people. Previously the Gubbi Gubbi language group were often called the Kabi Kabi due to the differing interpretations of the 'Murri' (Aboriginal) pronunciation.

According to J.G. Steele, in 'Aboriginal Pathways'; "The Kabi language group lies across the coast from Redcliffe to Fraser Island and in the Mary River catchment area..."

The Gubbi Gubbi Language Group traditional Country includes the related family groups (communities) of all of the Bunya Country of Moreton Bay, Sunshine Coast and Cooloola Country. It takes its name from the word used for "No" in most of this region.

As summarised by Norman B. Tindale, the author of 'Aboriginal Tribes of Australia there are a number of sub-groups within the Gubbi Gubbi / Kabi Kabi language group.

The publication 'Two Representative Tribes of Queensland', written by John Matthew, M.A., B.D., in Chapter XII Language refers that in the original classification of Australian Languages by Eagle and Crow where the surprising fact is the dissimilarity between the neighbouring languages.

It is best to say 'Gubbi Gubbi', when talking about this country, people and language as this is how our language is pronounced correctly. I would like to point out that the change in the spelling of our language Group to Gubbi Gubbi was changed by the Elders representing the families many years ago and is backed up by today's linguists.

Gubbi Gubbi is an ergative language with grammatical structures similar to Hungarian, Finnish and Basque, a known language isolate in Europe, which is dominated by 'Nominative Accusative' grammatically structured languages.

Speakers of English who intended to teach or learn Australian Indigenous languages (in this case, Gubbi Gubbi) will find the text produced here, a useful beginning in coming to terms with Australian Aboriginal languages and their grammatical complexity and cultural use. However, in the Aboriginal languages their phonological language contains consonants and vowels that do not occur in modern English. The International Phonetic Alphabet is used in the pronunciation of the Aboriginal language words.

I understand that the claimant, Kabi Kabi (as it was written in historical texts) people were the first people to occupy this region as per applications (QC908/2016) and previously (QUD280/2013) but that does not give them the mistaken right to call themselves the First Nation of the Australian people, let alone the World.

Calling themselves 'Kabi Kabi First Nation'(QUD280/2013) is in fact an insult to all the people of the Commonwealth of Australia. It is Un-Aboriginal and Un-Australian. In addition, their more recent claim under Kabi Kabi Undambi applications (QC908/2016) claiming the entire Moreton Bay region with the same claimants as that identified in the Kabi Kabi First Nation.

Furthermore, I would like to point out to you the list of names included as the ancestor is questionable. For example, the claimant names Menvil Wanmuarn/Jackie Delaney as a Kabi Kabi. This is incorrect. I have been in touch with Jackie's descendent, who was shocked to hear that her Grandpa Jackie had been named on the claim without their knowledge. Menvil Wanmuarn/Jackie Delaney is from Stradbroke Island of the Quandamooka people.

Another area of concern was reported in a news article and the Traveston Dam project with reference to a payment made by the State Government after a group of Aboriginal people claiming to be the traditional owners, some of who are mentioned in the above applications (QC908/2016) and previously (QUD280/2013).

Kabi Kabi Undambi and Kabi Kabi 'First Nation' applicants and their applications (QC908/2016) and previously (QUD280/2013) and again I would suggest that you revisit these applications. Please note that both applications are by the same group of people.

One more point of concern is with your recording that applicants 'appear to become the people to contact,' regardless of the status of their application, even when a claim/application for Native Title has been rejected.

I question their motives.

Yours sincerely

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