## **Kimberley Land Council**



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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## Kimberley Sustainable Development Trust: Review Update

In May 2021, the KLC Board appointed highly respected legal practitioner Tony Power to lead an independent review of the operations and management of the Kimberley Sustainable Development Trust (KSDT).

This is the first independent review of KSDT, which was established in 2002 to provide a trust management service as a lower cost alternative to other trust services.

Following commencement of the review, the KLC was notified by Forbes Kirby Lawyers of unexpected additional costs, leading to a delay in the completion of this work. These issues have now been addressed and the review is ongoing.

While the KLC acknowledges this process has taken longer than expected, we believe a thorough, independent review is necessary to ensure KSDT continues to operate with integrity and transparency, and in the best interests of Aboriginal people in the Kimberley.

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