



Kimberley Land Council

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Kimberley Land Council appoints leading barrister to lead a review of Charitable Trust

The Kimberley Land Council (KLC) Board announced today that it has appointed one of the State's most respected legal practitioners Tony Power to lead an independent review of the operations and management of the Kimberley Sustainable Development Charitable Trust.

"We are very pleased to have secured a legal practitioner of Tony Power's high-standing to lead a review of the Kimberley Land Council's charitable trust," said KLC Chairman Anthony Watson.

"The Trust plays an extremely important role in providing assistance to Kimberley First Nations people and we want to ensure it continues to operate with integrity and transparency. We welcome any recommendations from Mr Power on how the operation and management of the Trust can be further strengthened."

Mr Power's appointment was approved by a Board subcommittee, which was formed to review the Trust. The independent review has the support and cooperation of the Directors of the Trust.

Mr Power has worked in almost all Courts and Tribunals, the Corruption and Crime Commission, Royal Commissions and in 2018 was appointed by the State Government to conduct the Inquiry into the City of Perth. Mr Power is an Adjunct Professor at The University of Notre Dame Australia and Murdoch University, where he teaches trial advocacy.

The Kimberley Sustainable Development Charitable Trust was established in 2002 to provide a trust management service as a lower cost alternative to other trust services.

Mr Watson said: "The KLC as an organisation is committed to acting with transparency and integrity to improve the cultural, social and economic wellbeing of Kimberley Aboriginal people."

"We have a long and proud history of achieving real outcomes for Kimberley Aboriginal people. The KLC's national and international reputation is built on the strong foundations provided by our members and generations of directors."

"I am confident we will continue to achieve great things together, and that the current issues will be resolved in time through due process, transparency and respect for ourselves, our members, and our values."

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