



Kimberley Land Council

Holding statement: Response to The Age article

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Statement by: Chairman Anthony Watson

The Kimberley Land Council (KLC) Board seeks to correct misleading media reports in relation to the recent termination of the KLC's former Chief Executive Officer Brian Wilkinson.

The decision to terminate Mr Wilkinson was supported by a majority of 19 KLC directors on 22 April, after it was determined he was not a good fit as the CEO of the KLC.

While the resolution to terminate the former CEO was not passed unanimously, it was carried by a clear majority of the Board, who decided Mr Wilkinson was not the right fit to lead the KLC.

The KLC's former CEO and director Wayne Bergmann has been appointed interim Executive Director, while the Board's search for a new full-time CEO is underway.

The KLC Board confirms that before Mr Wilkinson was terminated it had already passed a resolution to form a Board Subcommittee to review the Kimberley Sustainable Development Charitable Trust. This process is currently on the way.

The KLC notes that it was not provided the opportunity to comment or respond to allegations in recent media reports which contained misleading information related to the termination of the CEO and the Charitable Trust.

The KLC as an organisation is committed to acting with transparency, integrity and improving the cultural, social and economic wellbeing of Kimberley Aboriginal people.

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