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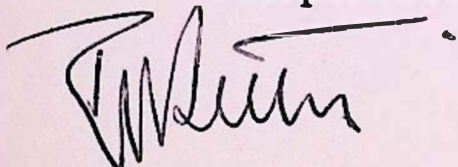
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Cabinet decided -

- (a) that an agreement could be entered into with the Jawoyn Association which could commit the Northern Territory Government to:
- (i) land settlements as follows -
- providing 'NT freehold' title to the Jawoyn Association over the area of the Werenbun-Barnjarn Land Claim (No. 28) in return for removal of the repeat claim,
  - providing 'NT freehold' title to the "Catfish Dreaming" block adjacent to the Rockhole community in return for removal of the land claim (not to be committed without the prior approval of the Member for Katherine),
  - the western portion of the Eva Valley Pastoral Lease (No. 705) to be incorporated into the Nitmiluk Park, while the eastern portion to be administered by the Beswick Land Trust for tourism and buffalo domestication projects. The negotiators are to seek to have the lease converted to 'NT freehold' title before the subdivision. Should that not be achievable, Cabinet consented to agreeing to have the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs Schedule the Eva Valley Pastoral Lease (No. 705) as Aboriginal Land,
  - subject to the agreement of the Conservation Land Corporation to surrender the land, providing 'NT freehold' title to the Jawoyn Association area for the land north of Nitmiluk Park held by the Corporation and incorporating it into the Park;

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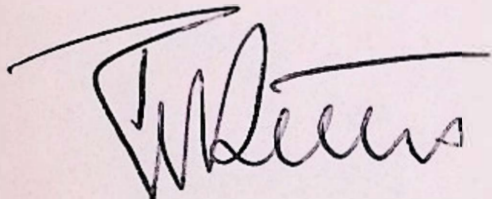
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- (ii) constructing outstation accommodation and facilities at Werunbun outstation;
- (iii) providing industry housing for (single) apprentices at Werenbun outstation (provided the need is demonstrated) for Aboriginal workers at Mt Todd mine, under industry assistance provisions (NOTE: Part of the negotiating stance will be to seek demonstration of the need for this accommodation. This will be tied to the mine development: if the mine does not proceed, then neither will this);
- (iv) transfer the Nitmiluk Visitor Centre to the Jawoyn Association, subject to suitable accommodation being provided for appropriate Park Rangers;
- (v) approve the provision of cultural advice at the Nitmiluk Park at an estimated annual cost of up to \$40,000. The advice is to be by way of a contract for services between the Conservation Commission and the Jawoyn Association and the Association is to be paid for work performed;

and

- (b) that any proposal for the construction of offices for Nitmiluk Park administration is to be the subject of a further submission to Cabinet.



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