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Tuesday, 1 March 2016

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Dear Jennifer,

Re: Unnamed Creek Crossing, Victoria Highway

I refer to the letter from Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley received on the 25/4/2015 regarding the request to formally name the unnamed creek crossing approximately 25km east on the Victoria Highway between Kununurra and the Northern Territory border to "Philchowski crossing" and subsequent request by the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley for MG Corporation to consult with the Traditional owners regarding the name of this crossing.

On the 18th November 2015 a combined meeting was held with the MG Corporation Dawang Prescribed Bodies Corporate and Garralyel, where it was agreed that the crossing should be named "Galbeeram crossing" please see the excerpt from this meetings minutes.

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| 6. SWEK – Renaming of Philchowski Crossing | <p>D Reeves referred to a letter dated 22 April 2015 from the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley that had been deferred at the PBC meeting in June. The Shire has received a request from Tom Stephens, Former Member for the Central Kimberley-Pilbara, to formally name an unnamed creek crossing, located approximately 25km east on the Victoria Highway in between Kununurra and Darwin, to "Philchowski's Crossing".</p> <p>The crossing has held this informal name since January 1977, named to reflect the historical connection to a man who was killed around this location in June 1973.</p> <p>The Shire has written to the MG PBC to seek advice from the relevant traditional owners on the proposed formal name of the crossing and potential Indigenous names for the creek.</p> <p>PBC directors and Garralyel discussed the matter at length and agreed that that the Miriwoong word for the area was "Gulberang".</p> |
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| | | This notwithstanding, the parties agreed that their preference for the area was for it to be called "Gulbooding" – the name of the person who killed Philchowski. Garralyel recollected that Gulbooding killed Philchowski following the latter's abuse of Aboriginal people in the area and, specifically, the rape of Gulbooding's relative. |
| | RESOLUTION 2 | The PBC directors resolved: (1) not to endorse the proposed formalisation of the name "Philchowski's Crossing"; and (2) to propose that "Gulbooding's Crossing" be used as an alternative name for the area. |
| | ACTION 2 | D Reeves to respond to the Shire on the terms above. |

MG Corporation has sought to confirm the spelling of the proposed name is correct, this has been confirmed by the Mirima Dawang Woorlab-gerring Language Centre to be "Galbeeram"

Please let me know if there is any further information you require.

Yours Sincerely

Tania Malkin
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MG Corporation