

## ATTACHMENT F



ALLERY SANDY: Yes, like right now we haven't got that actual thing going but when the time does come, when the Yindjibarndi and Ngarluma people will have that right, then it will be going to the elders, and I would look at the elders first to see what decisions they would make if that time will come.

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MR PETTIT: When you say that, that under the Yindjibarndi way of doing things, the Government should come and consult – yes, of course you understand that. Is that really a matter of what the Yindjibarndi people would like to happen?

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ALLERY SANDY: I think with the elders you're looking at sacred places where women folks are not allowed, you know. They need to approach the elders.

15 MR PETTIT: Yes. But the Government approaching the elders, is that something that Yindjibarndi people would like to happen?

ALLERY SANDY: I think so, yes.

20 MR PETTIT: Before white people came here to the Pilbara, there couldn't have been a law like that, could there?

ALLERY SANDY: No, don't think so.

25 MR PETTIT: So to say that there's a Yindjibarndi law that the Government must consult, would it be fair me to say that really that's just a way of saying that the Yindjibarndi people really want the Government to come and ask first?

ALLERY SANDY: I think so because respect to the – of the land. There are  
30 things that you don't know is in the land, and you need to confront it to the elders "Oh is it safe to go into this country" because there are spirits living out here. Don't know what sort of spirit they are.

MR PETTIT: Putting apart building things and making a permanent feature,  
35 the Yindjibarndi people in your life-time haven't ever tried to stop tourists coming or travellers or the Court or anything like that, have they?

ALLERY SANDY: No, because they were free to live in their own land in those days, they used to do walkabout and never used to have transport.

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MR PETTIT: Yes. And white people were able to come and go in Yindjibarndi country without anybody stopping them?

ALLERY SANDY: Well, when you look at it now, yes, you got lots of  
45 tourists going here and there.