

## SUBOUTPUT 2.1

### Provide assistance as required to Aboriginal claimants of land under the ALRA

CLC is seeking to settle most outstanding ALRA land claims with the Northern Territory Government.

In the 2003/04 financial year, the CLC completed all research and documentation necessary to advance settlement, or alternatively seek a claim hearing, on CLC's priority ALRA claims, including very large areas of the Simpson Desert and southeast of Tennant Creek.

Settlement negotiations have since stalled.

During the year the Northern Territory Government did not reply to any correspondence from the CLC concerning settlement of the Wakaya Alyawerre (Repeat) Land Claim.

This land claim includes the area occupied by Canteen Creek community where about 400 people live.

Therefore the uncertain tenure of the community remains unresolved.

The survey plans for the Loves Creek Land Claim have not been lodged with the Registrar-General and the settlement can not be finalised until that is done.

The Commissioner's report on the Alcoota Land Claim is still awaited.

## SUBOUTPUT 2.2

### Pursue all other appropriate avenues to achieve the acquisition of land for the benefit of Aboriginal people

The CLC is continuing to work with the NLC and the NT government to finalise the Territory parks

arrangements pursuant to the Parks and Reserves (Framework for the Future) Act.

ILUAs in respect of all of the parks in the CLC region have now been registered and joint management arrangements have commenced in some parks.

The CLC is ready to complete the deal and is awaiting surveys and preparation of the necessary documentation.

The CLC is also promoting the settlement of two living area applications (in the West MacDonnell National Park and the Dulcie Ranges National Park) as part of the parks arrangements.

### Community Living Areas

- CLC completed wide-ranging regional consultations and research for the Community Living Areas (CLA) Audit, initiated in collaboration with the Northern Territory Government to provide the basis for reviewing the adequacy of Part 8 provisions of the NT Pastoral Land Act. Areas addressed by the audit include:

- the status of existing community living areas and related infrastructure, occupancy and aspirational issues;
- 'start-up' requirements for 'new' community living areas granted after significant delays due to the protracted and cumbersome processes of the legislation compounded by resolution of long-standing native title issues;
- a review of the current extent of unmet pastoral land needs across the region based on approximately 150 interests registered with the CLC.

Compilation and analysis of data is proceeding for presentation to the NT Government in the next period.

- Three long-standing CLA applications in the Tennant Creek area finally received title at a ceremony held in June 2006 after more than 15 years of efforts in each

case. These comprised 2 areas on Phillip Creek (Jurmtujangu, Yurturminy) and another on Elkedra (Imperrenth).

All three areas were subject to lengthy delays arising from protracted lessee negotiations and legislative procedures, and imposition of a moratorium on the grant of living area titles by the former Northern Territory Government Minister for Lands, Mick Palmer, in 1997 asserting compensation may have to be paid for any native title extinguished by the titles issued.

Although native title issues were resolved with the current NT government in 2002 the processing of required CLA Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) under the provisions of the Native Title Act 1993 added further delay.

- The CLC continued to provide research and negotiation assistance as required to traditional owners with CLA interests. In this period support was provided in respect to interests on Idracowra, Bond Springs, Mount Doreen and Lyndavale stations.

### Land Acquisition

- Provided advice to Warumungu traditional owners in long-standing unresolved land-swap negotiations over the Brunchilly portion of the South Barkly Stock Route recommended for grant in the report on the Warumungu Land Claim in 1988.

Negotiations recommenced with the new owners of Brunchilly (Kidman Pastoral Co.), after prolonged delays in finalising the sale of the property by the former owners, Stanbroke Pastoral Co., but remain unresolved.

Assistance was also provided to traditional owners, in collaboration with the NLC, in considering a related proposal for part-purchase of an adjoining station as a means for settling the issue.

- Provided support to the