



**Cook Family of Barrington Aboriginal Corporation
(ICN8752)**

Mr Brendan Moyle
CEO Darkinjung LALC

To whom it may concern,

We the Guringay, *Gringai Kabook and Watoo People* registered Native Title claimants, have observed people purporting to be 'Guringai' over the last few years making claims to Traditional ownership throughout Sydney's Northern Beaches, the Central Coast and Newcastle areas.

We are currently being supported by the Australian Government as legitimate Native Title claimants, via funding and support being provided by NTSCorp NSW as we progress our Native Title claim and the negotiation of an Indigenous Land Use Agreement. We speak as legitimate Guringay Peoples whose Traditional Lands have been documented to span the northern Hunter area.

We have no reason to acknowledge or accept this group as members of the Guringay peoples, as we have never been provided with evidence to demonstrate any claimed connection with our Apical Ancestral Lands, or Tribal Groups. We also do not acknowledge or accept the claims that the Guringay Traditional lands covered the areas of Sydney's Northern Beaches, the Central Coast or Newcastle.

We also do not condone the disrespectful behaviour demonstrated by that group in their attacks on individuals, the broader Aboriginal community and Local Aboriginal Land Councils who may not accept their claims to Aboriginality and traditional ownership.

We collectively, and individually through our membership, have worked closely with Local Aboriginal Land Councils across our traditional lands. These Land Councils may differ from us but work in strong partnership with us as legitimate Traditional Owners. This enables us to leverage our different roles to achieve our obligations and aspirations to preserve our lands and cultures and create opportunities that benefit both the Aboriginal and the wider community.

Further, we understand that attacks have also been launched against non-Indigenous people who want to work in respectful strong partnership with the legitimate Aboriginal community embodying the true spirit of reconciliation. We are disappointed to see and hear of these attacks and are concerned that our Traditional groups may be seen to support or condone this. We as the legitimate Guringay Peoples do not support any of this behaviour.

Yours respectfully

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