



Waanyi Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (ICN 7448) ("Waanyi PBC")

NOTICE OF WAANYI NATIVE TITLE HOLDERS COMMUNITY MEETING

The Waanyi PBC gives notice that it will be holding a Community Meeting for Waanyi Native Title Holders as follows:

Date:	Wednesday 26 th November 2025
Approximate start time: Approximate finish time:	1.30 pm (following the Waanyi PBC Annual General Meeting and lunch break) 4.30 pm
Venue:	<u>The Burke Shire Nijinda Durlga Hall</u> Lot 65 Musgrave Street, Burketown, QLD 4830 This meeting will be held <i>in person only</i> , with travel assistance provided from Mt Isa, Gregory, and Doomadgee.

Who is the meeting for?

This is a meeting for all Waanyi People.

This means members of the Waanyi PBC **and** any Waanyi People who are not members of the Waanyi PBC can come to the meeting.

The term 'Waanyi People' here means all of the people who fall within the description of the native title holders in the Waanyi native title determinations made by the Federal Court on 9 December 2010 and 22 September 2021.

What is the meeting about?

1. Eligible Bodies under the Gulf Communities Agreement (GCA)

Waanyi PBC has offered to facilitate a meeting of the Waanyi Native Title Group so that the Waanyi Native Title Group can decide whether to make changes to the current Eligible Bodies under the GCA and what payments they are to receive under the GCA.

The attached Frequently Asked Questions (**FAQ**) sheet in Attachment A has more information about Eligible Bodies and the process for making changes to them.

2. Endorsement of the Waanyi Plants and Animals book

The Waanyi Plants and Animals Book has been developed to document, celebrate, and share the traditional ecological knowledge of the Waanyi People. It strengthens the intergenerational transfer of knowledge about Country, plants, and animals, and enhances community understanding of Waanyi heritage, language, and culture.

By endorsing the book, the Waanyi People will ensure that it is publicly released in a manner that respects Waanyi cultural governance, and that future publication activities are properly managed by the PBC on behalf of Waanyi People.

Registration and assistance

The Waanyi PBC is arranging bus transport from Mt Isa, Doomadgee to Burketown (and return) for people who register with the Waanyi PBC no later than **Wednesday, 12 November 2025**. No accommodation assistance will be provided.

To register please contact Johno at admin@waanyipbc.org or call 0418 415 658.



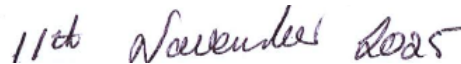
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Attachment A - Gulf Communities Agreement & Eligible Bodies – FAQ

1. What is the Gulf Communities Agreement?

The Gulf Communities Agreement (**GCA**) is an agreement signed in 1997 between:

- Century Zinc Limited (now owned by Sibanye-Stillwater)
- The State of Queensland
- The Waanyi Native Title Group
- The Mingginda Native Title Group
- The Gkuthaarn and Kukatj Native Title Group.

The GCA says ‘Waanyi Native Title Group’ means the Waanyi People.

The GCA provides for benefits to flow to the native title groups as compensation for the Century mine and associated infrastructure. The Century mine itself is located on Waanyi country, so the Waanyi native title group were allocated the largest share of the benefits. The GCA says the benefits are to be split between the three native title groups as follows:

- 60% to Waanyi Native Title Group
- 30% to Gkuthaarn and Kukatj Native Title Group
- 10% to Mingginda Native Title Group.

2. What is an ‘Eligible Body’?

When the GCA was signed in 1997, the Waanyi native title group had not yet obtained a native title determination and the Waanyi PBC did not exist. Instead, the GCA said that the benefit payments for the Waanyi Native Title Group would be paid to four corporations called ‘Eligible Bodies’. At the time that the GCA was signed, the Waanyi Eligible Bodies were:

- a) Traditional Waanyi Elders Aboriginal Corporation
- b) Bidanggu Aboriginal Corporation
- c) North Ganalanja Aboriginal Corporation
- d) Ngumarryina Aboriginal Corporation.

The Mingginda native title group and the Gkuthaarn and Kukatj native title group have their own Eligible Bodies which receive their group’s share of the benefits under the GCA.

3. What are the current Waanyi Eligible Bodies and allocations?

Over time, the Waanyi Native Title Group have decided to add and remove certain Waanyi Eligible Bodies. Following decisions made in 2019, and since the 2020 GCA payment, the Waanyi Eligible Bodies are:

- a) Waanyi Native Title Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (**Waanyi PBC**) (ICN 7448)
- b) Bidunggu Aboriginal Corporation (ICN 1853)
- c) Traditional Waanyi Elders Aboriginal Corporation (ICN 2414)
- d) Rimirimi Aboriginal Corporation (ICN 7758)
- e) Waanyi Aboriginal Corporation (ICN 3748).



This FAQ is intended as information only, not as legal advice.

The Waanyi Native Title Group's share of the GCA benefits is currently shared between the above organisations as follows:

- a) Waanyi PBC (ICN 7448) – 33.33%
- b) Bidunggu Aboriginal Corporation (ICN 1853) – 16.66%
- c) Traditional Waanyi Elders Aboriginal Corporation (ICN 2414) – 16.66%
- d) Rimirimi Aboriginal Corporation (ICN 7758) – 16.66%
- e) Waanyi Aboriginal Corporation (ICN 3748) – 16.66%.

4. How does a corporation become an Eligible Body? Who decides?

A corporation can become an Eligible Body if it meets the eligibility requirements set out in the GCA (see question 5 below) and the Waanyi Native Title Group agree to recognise the corporation as an Eligible Body. However, the Waanyi Native Title Group cannot make changes to the Eligible Bodies whenever they want. The GCA says that the Waanyi Native Title Group can only change the Eligible Bodies (and/or the way the benefits are divided between them) once every three years. It has been more than three years since the last time the Waanyi Native Title Group made changes to the Eligible Bodies.

The GCA does not say how the Waanyi Native Title Group should make decisions about who is an Eligible Body. In the past, the Waanyi Native Title Group has made decisions about what corporations should be Eligible Bodies at Waanyi community meetings.

Waanyi PBC has offered to facilitate a Waanyi community meeting for the Waanyi Native Title Group to make a decision about changing the Waanyi Eligible Bodies. Waanyi PBC is following the process set out in the graphic in [Attachment B](#) for this community meeting.

5. What are the eligibility requirements for an Eligible Body?

The GCA sets out that a corporation can become a Waanyi Eligible Body if:

- ✓ Only members of the Waanyi Native Title Group can become members;
- ✓ It maintains the standards of accountability required by the law under which it is incorporated (for example, the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2005*);
- ✓ It is not in administration, receivership, or liquidation; and
- ✓ The Waanyi Native Title Group agrees to recognise the corporation as an Eligible Body.

6. Why is Waanyi PBC organising a meeting to talk about Eligible Bodies?

Some Waanyi corporations have expressed interest in becoming Eligible Bodies. Waanyi PBC has offered to facilitate a meeting of the Waanyi Native Title Group so that the Waanyi Native Title Group can decide whether to make changes to the current Eligible Bodies.

7. What will Waanyi Native Title Group be asked to decide at the community meeting?

The Waanyi Native Title Group will be asked to decide whether they want to make any changes to the current Eligible Bodies, either by:

- appointing new Eligible Bodies

- removing current Eligible Bodies, or
- changing how the GCA payments are split between the agreed Eligible Bodies.

The decisions of the Waanyi Native Title Group will be recorded in a written resolution and need to be provided to Sibanye Stillwater.

8. What happens to the payment amounts if the number of Eligible Bodies changes?

The overall GCA payment that the Waanyi Native Title Group receive every year from Sibanye-Stillwater remains the same no matter how many Eligible Bodies there are. If the number of Eligible Bodies changes, then the Waanyi Native Title Group will need to decide how to divide the GCA payment between those Eligible Bodies.

9. What happens if no new decisions are made about Eligible Bodies?

Unless and until a different decision is made by the Waanyi Native Title Group, then the current Eligible Bodies and payment distribution will remain the same (see the answer to [question 3](#)).

Attachment B – Process for becoming a Waanyi Eligible Body

STEP 1



Confirm your corporation meets the eligibility criteria

- ✓ Membership only open to Waanyi Native Title Group (can be a subset, e.g. a particular Waanyi family group)
- ✓ Meets the accountability standards required by the law under which it is registered (e.g. the CATSI Act)
- ✓ Not in administration, liquidation, or receivership

STEP 2



Attend an information session

Waanyi PBC will be holding information sessions about the GCA and Eligible Bodies on:

- 1 September 2025 (online)
- 17 September 2025 (in person in Mt Isa and Gregory)

STEP 3



Develop your pitch!

- If you want to, you will be given the opportunity to present to the Waanyi Native Title Group meeting about why your organisation should be appointed as a Waanyi Eligible Body.
- The Pitch Information Sheet attached to this document can help you to figure out what you want to say.

STEP 4



Waanyi community meeting

- Waanyi PBC will hold a community meeting after its annual general meeting (AGM) on 30 November 2025. Notices will be sent out closer to the date.
- Each corporation hoping to be considered as an Eligible Body will be invited to present to the meeting. Make sure you agree in advance who will be presenting for your corporation.
- The Waanyi Native Title Group will then be asked to vote to decide:
 1. Whether there should be any new Eligible Bodies
 2. Whether to remove any existing Eligible Bodies
 3. What percentage of the annual GCA payment each Eligible Body should receive.

Attachment C – Pitch Information Sheet

Note: this Pitch Information Sheet is a guide only, it is not mandatory for corporations seeking to be recognised as Eligible Bodies to use this sheet.

Corporation Name:		ICN / ACN:	
Address:		Contact person:	
Who is eligible to be a member of your corporation?			
How many members does your corporation have? (or provide ORIC extract)			
Who are the directors and officers of your corporation? (or provide ORIC extract)			
How does your corporation meet its compliance and accountability standards?			
<i>For this section, you may wish to provide information about:</i> <i>whether your corporation's reporting is up to date</i> <i>whether ORIC has taken any compliance action regarding your corporation and if so, whether it is ongoing or resolved</i> <i>how often your corporation holds general meetings</i>			
How would your corporation spend the GCA payment money if it was recognised as an Eligible Body?			

Attachment D – Proposed Agenda

Item	Business of the 26 November 2025 Community Meeting
1.	Opening 1.1. Welcome by the chairperson 1.2. One minute of silence 1.3. Confirmation that all Waanyi family groups are adequately represented at the meeting
2.	Decision about decision-making procedure 2.1. The Waanyi People will be asked to confirm how they would like to make decisions at this meeting (e.g. by voting on a resolution by show of hands).
3.	Waanyi Plants and Animals Books 3.1. Waanyi PBC will give a presentation about the Waanyi Plants and Animals book. 3.2. Waanyi People will be asked to consider passing the following resolution: <i>The Waanyi Native Title Group resolves to:</i> 1. Endorsement of Publication <i>Formally endorse the publication of the Waanyi Plants and Animals Book as a community-led cultural knowledge and education initiative developed by and for the Waanyi People.</i> 2. Acknowledgement of Cultural Authority <i>Acknowledge and recognise the cultural authority, wisdom, and contribution of the Waanyi Elders and knowledge holders whose input and guidance shaped the content of the book.</i> 3. Authorisation to the Board <i>Authorise the Waanyi PBC Board of Directors to:</i> • <i>Oversee final publication, design, and distribution arrangements;</i> • <i>Manage any associated funding, partnership, or sponsorship opportunities; and</i> • <i>Ensure that all actions taken are consistent with Waanyi cultural protocols, community benefit, and intellectual property protections.</i> 4. Educational and Cultural Use <i>Support the use of the Waanyi Plants and Animals Book as an approved educational and cultural resource for schools, community organisations, and government partners, ensuring appropriate recognition, ownership, and protection of Waanyi cultural and intellectual property rights.</i>

4.	Background and history to the Gulf Communities Agreement and Eligible Bodies 4.1. Waanyi PBC will deliver a presentation about the background and historical context to the GCA and Eligible Bodies.
5.	Opportunity for representatives of corporations to address the meeting to explain why they want to become or remain as Eligible Bodies 5.1. Each corporation which is seeking to become a new Eligible Body, or who is currently an Eligible Body and wishes to remain an Eligible Body, will be invited to send a representative to speak to the meeting.
6.	Decisions to remove or appoint Eligible Bodies 6.1. The Waanyi People will be asked to consider whether to appoint or remove Eligible Bodies under the GCA. Each corporation will be considered one-by-one and, if agreement can be reached, a separate resolution passed for each corporation.
7.	Decision about allocation of payments under Schedule 7 of the GCA 7.1. The Waanyi People will be asked to consider how the GCA payments should be divided between the Eligible Bodies.