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Dear Members,

I just wish to update you on the outcome of the Yinhawangka Common Law Holders meeting took place in Karratha, WA on 9 June 2022.

The purpose of this meeting was to seek a decision of the Yinhawangka Common Law Holders under the 2017 Yinhawangka Determination about whether Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation RNTBC (YAC) should be the prescribed body corporate (PBC) for the proposed determination of native title to be made in the Yinhawangka Gobawarra (YG) Claim.

After much discussion and deliberation at the meeting the Yinhawangka Common Law Holders agreed to make the decision by majority vote of those in attendance using a show of hands.

The majority of the Yinhawangka Common Law Holders at the meeting voted against YAC being the PBC for the proposed determination of native title to be made in the YG Claim. This means that YAC will have no legal responsibility for or relationship with the determination of native title to be made in the YG Claim.

YAC has now advised the Federal Court and the YG Applicant's lawyers of the outcome of the vote and that it will not be the PBC for the proposed determination of native title to be made in the YG Claim.

This was a complex decision for the Yinhawangka Common Law Holders to make. Personally I was grateful to assist in this process, ensuring Yinhawangka Aboriginal Corporation complies with Law and Custom in obtaining the consent of the *Common Law Holders*.

Updates were also made to the Yinhawangka Common Law Holders on the day that YAC will seek to enter into mining agreement negotiations with mining proponent WA Iron Ore and about the Agreements Modernisation process with Rio Tinto. More information on these will be provided to members in the coming months.

I would also like to thank the YAC staff and Philip Hunter of HWL Ebsworth Lawyers for their assistance and support at the meeting.

Regards
Kupa Teao
CEO