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By mail & email

Dear Mr van Wessem,

Kelaray Pty Ltd – Proposed Lake Torrens Murdie Exploration Program | Application for Authorisation Under Section 23 of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1988 (SA)*

We act for the Kokatha Aboriginal Corporation (Special Administrator Appointed) ('KAC').

We refer to the Application by Kelaray Pty Ltd advertised in the Advertiser on 11 June 2020.

As you are aware, Lake Torrens is a major Aboriginal site for the Kokatha Nation. KAC represents the Kokatha Nation's native title rights, for the Kokatha Common Law Holders.

KAC will be making written submissions for this Application. In doing so, KAC staff will consult with Kokatha Elders, and KAC Committees will provide information and comment.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the complex nature of the Kokatha cultural rights and interests in Lake Torrens, it is not expected that the consultations and deliberations will finish until the end of July. After that, submissions will need to be drafted and approved. Accordingly, we seek an extension of time to provide submissions to Friday 21 August 2020. We are instructed to emphasise the importance of this Application to Kokatha and the need for extra time.

We also seek the following documents:

1. A copy of the Approval for DEW and National Parks and Wildlife Services for its Exploration Program in January 2020, and all relevant associated documents;
2. Copies of AAR documents relating to the "Lake Torrens Aboriginal site";

3. Copies of Central Archive Aboriginal Heritage Survey reports, work area clearance reports and agreements relating to Lake Torrens and its surrounds.

We thank you for your attention to this and look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL LAW



Tim Campbell

Principal

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