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To all communities

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Anangu have been criticised by Mal Brough for not looking after our houses or paying rent. APY has a contract with AP Services for services to do the R&M and collect rent paid by Anangu for their houses on the Lands.

APY has been asking AP Services (for over two months) what rent has been collected from Anangu and what has happened to that rent. Services has not allowed APY's auditor to inspect the rent collection records or provided financial reports required by the government.

Because of this the government will not agree to pay further funding for R&M to AP Services and APY has today revoked APY Services' authority to collect rent from Anangu to communities.

From now on communities will need to pay rent collected for housing directly to APY so that the rent can be used for R&M. MSO's and community offices have been notified. and also of urgent septic repair and pump out work which will be undertaken starting soon.

The revocation by APY of APY Services' authority to collect housing rent has been taken to protect your rent money and preserve Anangu credibility in the public eye. The need to take this action is very unfortunate and has been taken as a last resort and in the circumstances of governance problems within AP Services.

Please support Anangu self management of our affairs by supporting the collection of housing rent by APY. Early next year, the Executive Board will be announcing a large number of new builds, major upgrades and replacement houses in addition to those announced in housing update No 1 dated 16 November 2007 and in addition to the \$25 million Commonwealth offer.

During TKP in Adelaide recently, the State Government announced that it hoped the \$25 million would be paid by the Commonwealth without the requirement for 99 year leases over the communities. I wish you the compliments of the season.

Bernard Singer
Chairperson