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Media Statement: Governance on the APY Lands

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APY has become aware of claims on social media that Greg Jobson has replaced Richard King as general manager of the APY Lands.

Please be advised that the legal basis of an attempt by a militant faction of the APY Executive Board to strongarm the replacement of the general manager is being contested and is not valid.

APY Director of Administration Rex Tjami said: "Richard King remains as the General Manager of APY."

"Due process and correct governance protocols must be followed to ensure Anangu do not go backwards," Mr Tjami said.

Members of APY administration and the Executive Board have over many years become well-accustomed to perennial attempts by a self-concerned faction to demonise the democratically elected Board and its administrative arm.

APY has never been intimidated by these efforts, nor have they ever succeeded in distracting us from our important mission to ensure good governance, economic opportunities and a positive future for all Anangu.

The APY Executive Board has been presented with the findings of a periodic independent performance review for Mr King, paving the way for his reappointment to a further three-year term.

The final report by ANSON Management Consulting, tabled at an Executive Board meeting on 23 August 2022, delivered a "satisfactory performance review" finding for Mr King.

The APY Executive Board last year passed a resolution to renew Mr King's contract for a further three years, "subject to agreeing terms and conditions and a satisfactory performance review".

Mr King is the longest serving and first Indigenous general manager of the APY Lands.

Under Mr King's tenure, APY has lodged six consecutive unqualified audits. Mr King has won awards for COVID-safe management of the Lands, and overseen numerous reforms including the first modern enterprise agreement for APY staff, life-changing IT and telecommunications upgrades, and the equal inclusion of women onto the APY Executive Board.



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