

Up Barron Gorge without a Paddle: The Djabugay Experience

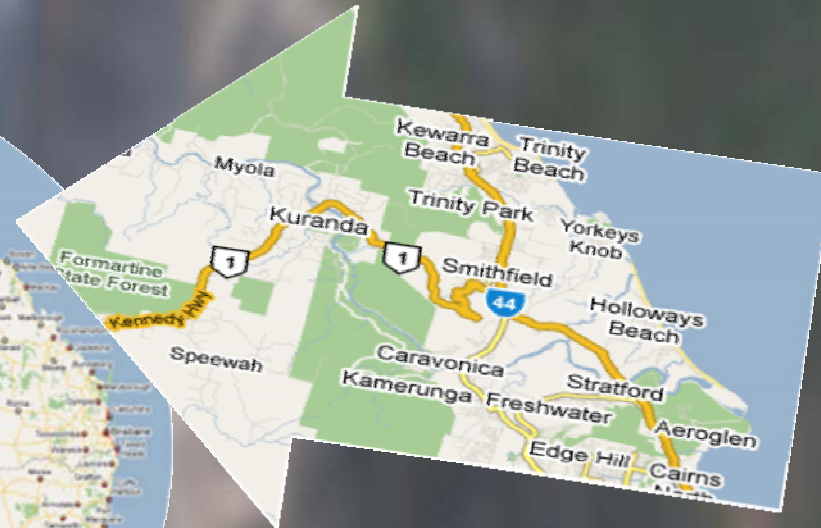


Native Title Conference Perth
Wednesday 4th June 2008

Presenters:

Gerald Hobbler (Chair - Djabugay Native Title Aboriginal Corporation)

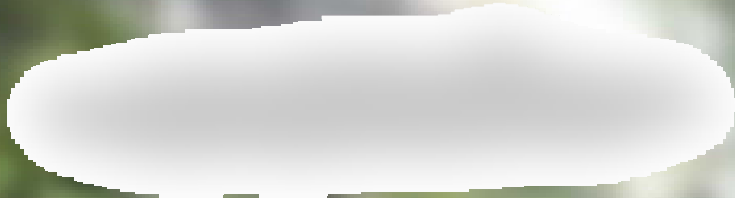
Rhonda Brim (Governing Committee Member)



Most Djabugay live in rainforest country in and around Kuranda in north Queensland. Barron Gorge is about 2 km from Kuranda.



Kuranda: a tourist town





Djabugay Governance

Three main Djabugay Corporations

(same boards but different and overlapping membership):

Djabugay Native Title Aboriginal
Corporation (PBC)

Djabugay Tribal Aboriginal Corporation
(DTAC)

(1st & oldest incorporation and largest membership)

Buda:Dji Aboriginal Development
Aboriginal Corporation (Buda:Dji)

holds shares in the Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park



Djabugay Governing Committee





Barron Gorge National Park Consent Determination

Original application
filed in 1994 by Andy
and Rhonda Duffin

Consent determination
in 2004

in 2004
Consent determination





Determined rights and interests

Non-exclusive rights to use and enjoy the land to:

Be physically present

Camp on the area

Hunt, fish and gather and take natural resources for personal cultural and communal needs for non-commercial purposes

Maintain and protect places of importance

Perform social, cultural and ceremonial activities and invite others to participate

Make decisions about the use and enjoyment of the area

Didn't we already have these rights?



We got the land from Bulurru!! Yet:



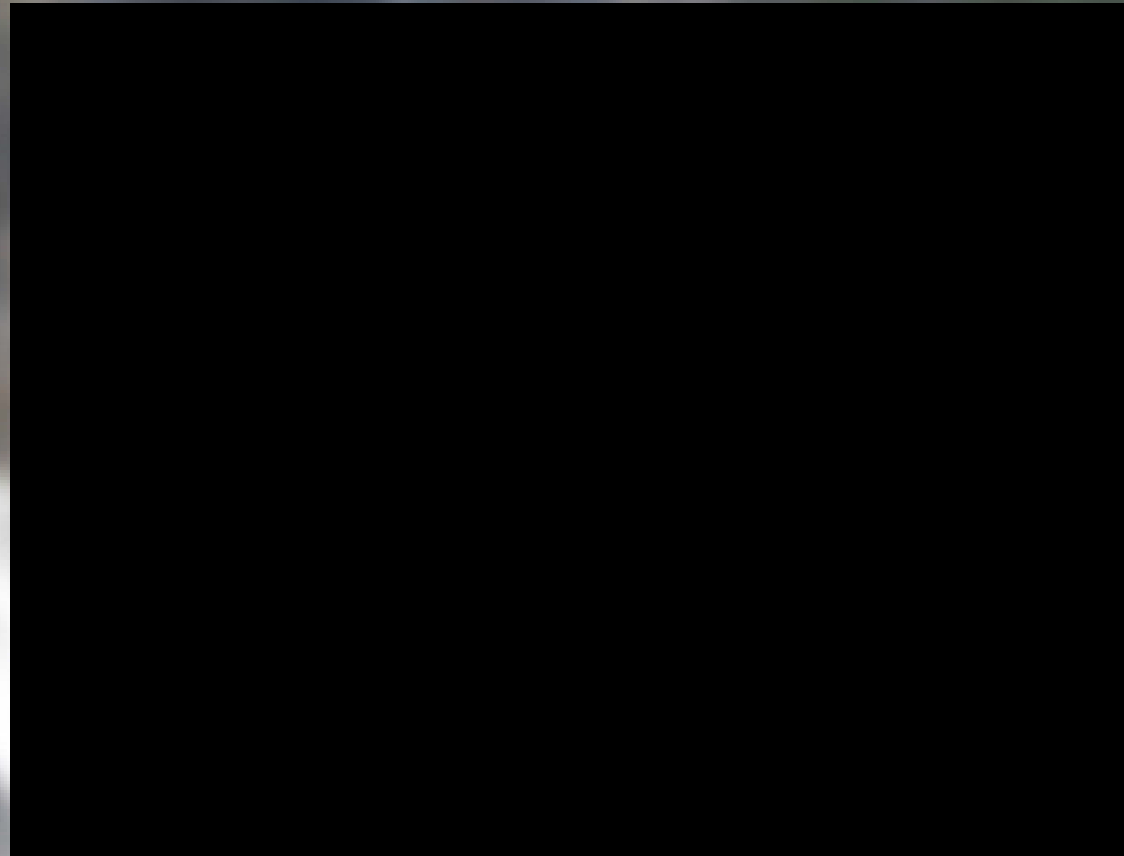
Paragraph 6 in Determination raises the possibility that some native title rights might be extinguished in the future

Para 7 lists many others who have interests which continue to have effect

Para 8 says their interests prevail over native title rights and interests



DIN DIN (Barron Gorge)





Barron Gorge National Park Indigenous Land Use Agreement (ILUA with State of Queensland)





Djabugay aims and aspirations for the Park in 1997

Recognition of ownership of the Park

Joint management arrangements including a Board of Management with a paid Djabugay majority

Clearly defined roles in decision-making in implementation of a Plan of Management

A staged process of capacity building

Input at all levels of the Park

Active Djabugay Rangers and other employment and training



1997 Aims and Aspirations cont'd

Appropriate resources to participate including a PBC office and a Ranger office

Work contracts in the Park

Protection of intellectual property rights, recording of cultural sites and research protocols

Commercial benefits

Proper consultation about works and commercial activities

Cross cultural awareness programs



Update 2007

**No Ranger activity
(CDEP?)**

**No office money
forthcoming from Park
arrangements, no staff
and operational funds**

**Little assistance from
NQLC since the
determination who acted
under the policy that
NTRBs could only assist
claims processing**

**Little and
sporadic
employment**

**No revenue from
the Park**

**Little if no
training**

**No lease back or
Park usage
income**

Barron Gorge National Park Draft Management Plan



Provided to Djabugay late 2007



No joint management arrangements



Suggests a Steering Committee expected to meet regularly but no sitting fees, with terms of reference to be developed jointly (presumably after the Plan?)



Notes support for Rangers but no financial assistance



No office support for arranging consultations, clearances, development of pest species management



Etc.....



Finally: A Djabugay Office at the Kuranda Neighborhood Centre (not far from the Park)



Chair Gerald Hobbler and newly
appointed FaHSCIA funded
co-ordinator, Hanz Spier



Starting again and trying to make the best of it!

Business planning
workshop Sept 2008

AGM October 2008

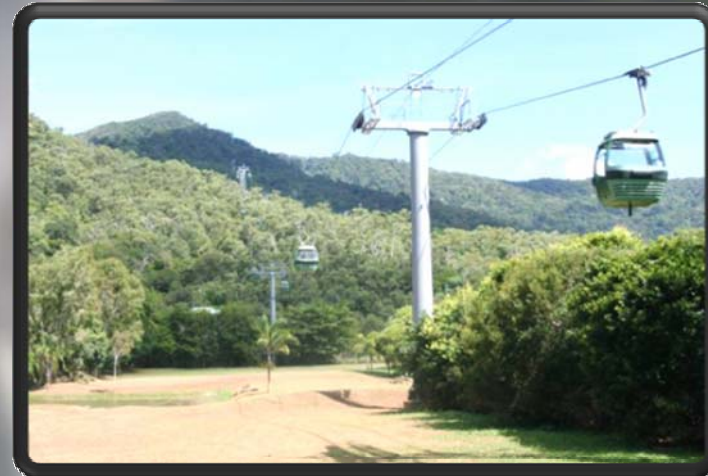
Meeting CATSI requirements

Professional review of draft management
plan for BGNP

Develop and implement a Fee for Service
policy

Working towards a professionally run corporation

Skyrail - we lost the battle to stop it so now we wish to see what benefits might accrue....

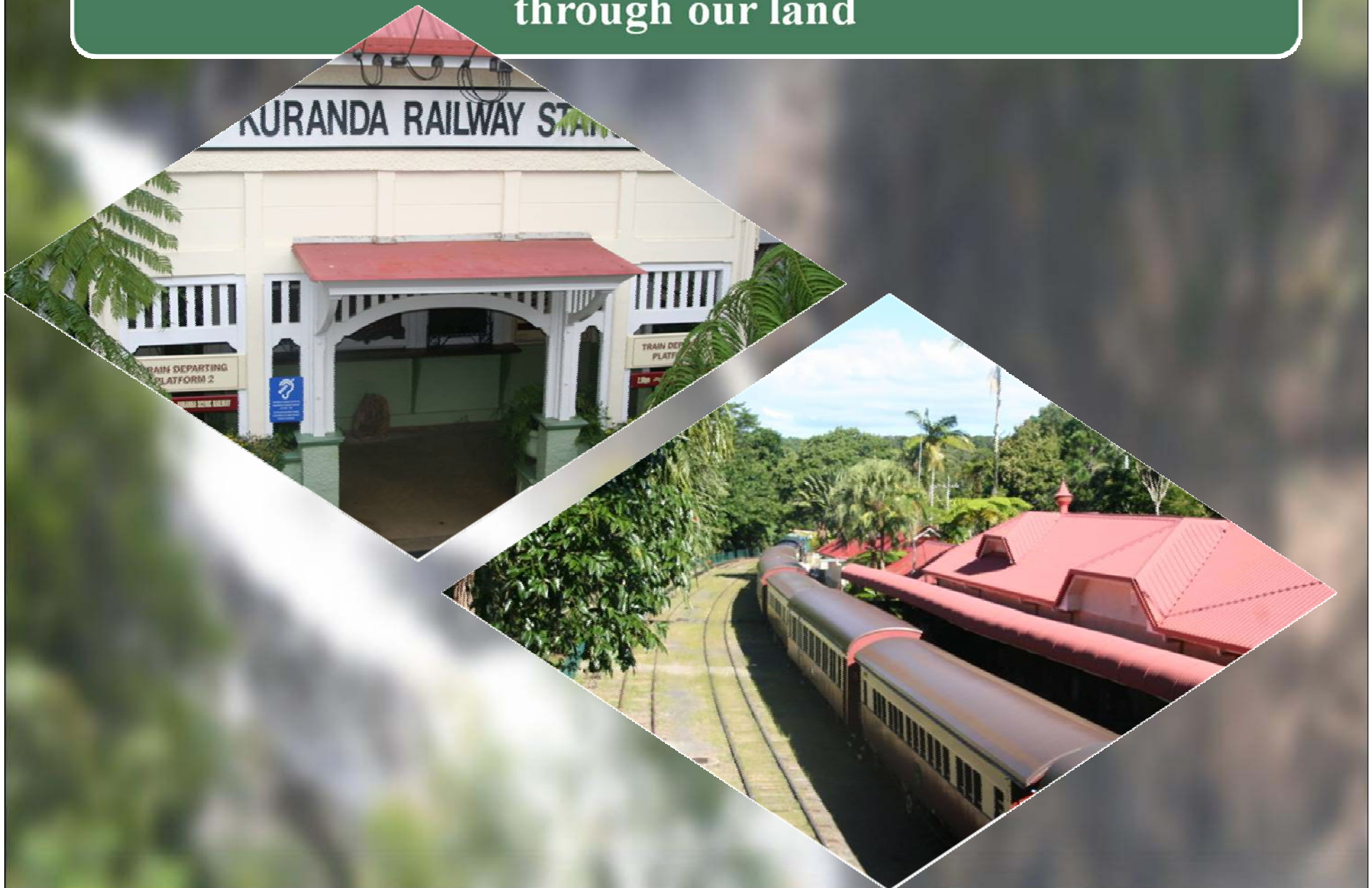


Tjapukai Aboriginal Cultural Park

Our culture on display to the world but no financial gain for community



Q Rail (and Skyrail) transport a million persons per year through our land





**Thank you for your
attention**

- **Contact us at www.djabugay.org.au**