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The Snake Bay settlement on Melville Island was established in 1941 by J. Gribble under instructions of the Native Affairs Branch. With the advent of the war, the settlement developed into a defence base. After 1945 it came under the control of the Director of the Welfare Branch of the Northern Territory Administration who appointed a Superintendent in charge of the settlement. From 1972, a policy of self-determination was introduced and the management of the settlement was gradually transferred to the elected Snake Bay Council, later re-named Milikapiti Council. With the establishment of the Council the office of the Superintendent was replaced with that of the Community Adviser.

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