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**NGARLUMA VISION:** "Keeping our culture strong as we work together to empower Ngarluma people towards a sustainable future"

**14 March 2013**

Ms Fiona White-Hartig  
Shire President  
Shire of Roebourne  
PO Box 219  
Karratha WA 6714

Dear Ms White-Hartig,

#### **Yaburara Heritage Trail**

The Ngarluma Aboriginal Corporation (NAC) is the registered native title body corporate, which manages and represents the native title rights and interests of the *Ngarluma* people. As you know, there are continuing discussions regarding the management of the Yaburara Heritage Trail (**the Trail**), of which the NAC is a part of the Trail's Steering Committee.

As native title holders of country over which the Trail runs, and pursuant to their obligations as custodians of the land, the *Ngarluma* people note their concerns with the current disrepair of the Trail and further threat of damage to the Aboriginal heritage sites. The current state of affairs with respect to visitors and vehicle access is unacceptable. There is a significant continuing risk of offences against the Aboriginal Heritage Act (for example s. 17), and risk of environmental damage.

The NAC seeks the support of the Shire of Roebourne in the protection of the Trail, and its heritage sites and artefacts, and welcomes any measures, which can be considered, that will prevent further damage and misuse. The NAC remains available to assist with any heritage and cultural matters, and looks forward to its continuing involvement in discussions with the Steering Committee with the aim of finalising a management plan for the Trail, vesting arrangements and perhaps an Indigenous Land Use Agreement.

We look forward to working together with the Shire and hope to hearing from you about the Shire's ideas with regard to protection and management of the Trail.

Yours sincerely,

  
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cc. Steering Committee, Yaburara Heritage Trail

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