



NSW ABORIGINAL CORPORATION ASKS FOR REGISTRAR'S HELP

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Beven, has today placed the Sandhills Advancement Aboriginal Corporation in Narrandera under special administration.

The corporation was established in 1992. It provides services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in Narrandera and the surrounding areas. Its main responsibility is to provide links and referrals for services under the Community Support Service program. It also owns five properties in the Narrandera area—a farm, three houses and an office building.

Directors from the corporation wrote to the Registrar on 11 February 2010 acknowledging that they have been experiencing problems in the running of the corporation and in the delivery of their funded program. 'They asked me to appoint a special administrator to help them improve governance and management processes within their corporation,' Mr Beven said.

'The special administrator will also ensure that the important services under the Community Support Service program are re-established for the people of Narrandera.'

The Registrar has appointed Mr Andrew Bowcher of RSM Bird Cameron, Wagga Wagga, as the special administrator. Mr Bowcher can be contacted on (02) 6921 9055.

Placing a corporation under special administration is unique power under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006*. The aim is to help corporations work through difficult circumstances and return stronger corporations back to the control of members as soon as possible. See ORIC's fact sheet *Special administrations: what members and directors should know* for more information.

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