



PERTH-BASED FAMILY VIOLENCE SERVICE HANDED BACK TO MEMBERS

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Anthony Beven, has announced that the special administration of the Western Australian Family Violence Prevention Legal Service Aboriginal Corporation will end today.

The corporation, which is based in Perth, is funded by the Attorney-General's Department to deliver support services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults and children throughout Western Australia who are either the victims of family violence and sexual abuse, or who are at risk of such violence.

The corporation was placed under special administration on 21 March 2012 after disagreements arose between the directors and other officers of the corporation that threatened to jeopardise the quality of client services and destabilise the corporation.

'The special administration has put the corporation back on track,' Mr Beven said. 'There have been some important changes that will provide a very good framework for the corporation to build on in future years.'

The special administration was completed without any disruption to services. A review of the service, financial management and governance structure was completed, an interim CEO was appointed and a recruitment process started to permanently replace the CEO after her recent resignation.

The new community directors will be joined by two professional directors. ORIC will provide training to the new directors and any interested members and will also monitor the corporation closely over the next 12 months.

Background

Special administration is a special measure under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* which helps corporations to fix their problems. The aim of the process is to restore a corporation to good health and once this is achieved to return control to members as soon as possible. For more information please see ORIC's fact sheet *Special administrations: what members and directors should know* available at www.oric.gov.au.

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