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SPECIAL REFRESH FOR LISMORE CHILDREN'S PROTECTOR

The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations, Selwyn Button, has today announced the end of the special administration of the Ngunya Jarjum Aboriginal Corporation.

Established in 1995 in Lismore, New South Wales, the corporation is a [designated agency](#) under the *Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998*, meaning it is authorised to provide statutory out-of-home care. Its staff work hard to protect and promote the rights and wellbeing of Aboriginal children and young people.

After a general meeting on 31 August 2018, the members removed all directors from office and failed to appoint any new directors. Various stakeholders raised concerns with the Registrar and requested assistance. Special administrator Peter McQuoid was appointed on 10 September to ensure no interruption to the corporation's important services.

'The special administrator has successfully appointed a new board of directors, including two independent specialist directors' said Mr Button. 'He has also strengthened the corporation's structure, revised its rule book and addressed stakeholders' concerns, effectively handing the corporation back to members.'

The Registrar's office will monitor the corporation over the next 12 months and offer governance training for the new directors.

Background

See also MR1819-02, 'NSW child care and protection provider under special administration', 10 September 2018.

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