

“Stronger Futures” Consultation Mutitjulu

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*Key to some Anangu words at the end of the transcript

Video

Identifier	Time code	Transcription
	00.00.01	Camera panning about inside a room people sitting around sides of room. Person walks in. Smattering of conversations in language.
	00.00.28	Outside now. People walking. A couple of people carrying or moving a chair. People walking, standing or sitting around. Various voices in language.
M1	00.01.40	[Language]
Various voices	00.02.05	[Various voices in Language]
M1	00.02.48	[Language] [responding back and forth to various voices in language not in camera view]
	00.03.57	Pan around of gathering [various voices]
M4	00.04.36	[Language] [responding back and forth to various voices in language not in camera view]
M5	00.05.25	M at ngur like ngura at Mutitjulu ... M at ngur
RA	00.05.45	Good morning everyone My name is R A and first of all I'd like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we meet and
	00.05.53	(Another voice interjects) I will
RA	00.05.54	And elders that are here - past, present and future.
M2	00.06.00	Morning. [Language]
RA	00.06.17	I'm here today to do a consultation on Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory. I have with me J M, F – I think F's out there somewhere, and you know B, the GBM from the community. Now we will be taking down notes from what People say and we

		will be ensuring that they go back to Canberra as part of the feedback from the consultations.
M2	00.06.47	[Language]
RA	00.07.10	When I heard that I was going to be coming back to Mutitjulu for this consultation I was very pleased. The last time I was here was in 1985 when the handover occurred.
M2	00.07.21	[Language]
RA	00.07.43	I also worked in the 80s in the Yalata Community in South Australia. I was in that community for five years, and I feel very privileged to be here today.
M2	00.07.53	[Language]
RA	00.08.09	First of all I'd like to say that the Australian Government is doing these consultations because we understand that the intervention that was brought into the Northern Territory hurt a lot of people, and people felt sad the way it was done.
M2	00.08.29	[Language]
RA	00.08.52	We know that the intervention brought a range of things to communities – some good, some bad. We want to hear today from this community about the things that work currently and the things that don't work.
M2	00.09.06	[Language]
RA	00.09.20	We want to talk to you about a range of issues that effect your community but we do know quite strongly that for change to come – for good solid change to come, Government's got to work with communities much better.
M2	00.09.37	[Language]
RA	00.09.53	We want you to have a big say about the future so most of this meeting will be me not talking and you talking to us.
M2	00.10.03	[Language]
RA	00.10.16	There are some things we want to hear from you about. They include, schools – how schools work, how kids go to school. What issues are important for you.
M2	00.10.30	[Language]
RA	00.10.54	We want to talk to you about jobs and the future for jobs

		in this community
M2	00.11.03	[Language]
RA	00.11.16	We want to talk to you about safety, community safety and we want to find out about whether this is a safe place to live.
M2	00.11.24	[Language]
RA	00.11.39	We want to talk about housing, and how houses work in this community. We also want to talk about children.
M2	00.11.50	[Language]
RA	00.12.02	We also want to talk about things that you find really important. I've been doing these consultations now for seven weeks and we've heard in lots of communities lots of really important things for them.
M2	00.12.16	[Language]
RA	00.12.38	In some communities they talk to us about youth. For the future wondering about what we should do for youth. They also talked about culture and language in schools. But I want to hear from this community what is important for you.
M2	00.12.55	[Language]
RA	00.13.14	We want to come out of this consultation and go forward into the future in strong partnership with communities across the Northern Territory. We need to have these conversations and we need to be honest with each other.
M2	00.13.31	[Language]
RA	00.13.45	There is only one thing I'd ask now. I understand this is being filmed. Is everyone happy with it being filmed ... this consultation. You happy... you right (interjection) yeah no that's Ok I'm just asking the question. We also occasionally Fiona might want to take a photo is people happy with that we'll ask permission every time anyway. (interjection)
M2	00.14.13	[Language] [Various voices in language]and responses from M2
M4	00.14.54	Can have our true words on camera
M4	00.15.02	Isn't ABC or anyone its our
M2	00.14.13	[Language] [various voices in language]

M3	00.15.32	Hey Hey gotta problem sublease Mutitjulu [Language] [Voices]
M2	00.16.49	Let's get back to filming Sorry [Language} camera [points at video] camera [points]
Voices		Uwa Wiya
M4	00.17.36	You mob Now ... rightyo we gonna ... what we talking about today. I'm glad this bloke come in 1985. He can still see now what's been done since 1985. [interjections in language many voices] anyway We talking about [interjections in language many voices] we talking about . [interjections in language many voices.....] Hello Hello [swaps microphones] Hello [Palya] uwa Today we gonna talk about that intervention, we gonna talk about it we all know that its rubbish. This young people here... They got this camera and come out here . When the intervention come I was 12 months in Leura[?] in New South Wales and I went to universities talking, I went to the Trades and Labour Council talking, I went to Labor Party branches talking against the Intervention. This one here, this not ABC, this for our own, so the Government can see what we say.
M4	00.19.00	First off, I'd like to say, that the whole intervention was just a racist thing. It makes my guts squirm to see our Government doing what they're doing to us. They're taking all your rights away like we gone back to olden time again. They trying to say "oh, all you tjitji [children] got to go to school" but they take your language out of the school... we been talking about bilingual education. They try to introduce the shire but we can kick the shires out. They try to take over our businesses and all our equipment and all our plant – like graders and vehicles and all that - they try to do that, but Mutitjulu was too strong they said "no".
M4	00.19.44	The intervention started here because Mutitjulu took the Government to court and when you won that court case they introduced the, they introduced the Northern Territory Intervention. Everything is power? and we've done it, the Mutitjulu community - all these people that you see here have done good work. We now have 70% employment rate amongst our young people. We have the second highest rate of attendance. Government never helped us – young H mob and the sch.. and the teachers and the corporate world has helped us. Like LJ Hooker and QANTAS they've helped us getting these kids to school.
M4	00.20.29	There's over 700 million dollars been spent in the Northern Territory on housing - not one lick of paint,

		nothing, not one. They come to us and say “ <i>oh, we got to sign an agreement with the Northern Territory Government</i> ” - BULLSHIT – we’ve already got an agreement with the Commonwealth Government in 1985 which you came here and you saw and so the proof that the Commonwealth Government hasn’t assisted these people at all not one. They owe us big time. [hands microphone back to interpreter].
Various voices	00.21.06	[a few voices calling out in language]
M2	00.21.16	[Language]
RA	00.21.50	Well thank you. Um Just in terms of recording. Just to assure you that we are going to record what’s been said today and we’ll bring it back to the community and ensure that they are your words not ours.
M2	00.22.05	[Language]
RA	00.22.16	OK I think we have only got one microphone working so I’ll walk around and whenever - can you just put up your hand if you want to say something please. OK Thank you.
W1	00.22.33	[Language] [other voices in language around her speaking] [Language]
M2	00.23.29	Takes microphone [couple of voices in language] scratches head?
M2	00.23.36	B, I’m a bit lost here. [various voices in language]
W2	00.24.00	One woman’s voice in language becomes dominant
M1	00.24.47	[in language] Stronger futures Northern Territory [Language] consultation [Language] streetlight, safety issue, [Language] there’s a problem [Language] night patrol, [Language]
M2	00.26.02	[Language]
M1	00.26.24	[Language] and I’ll ask first question palya? [Language] With all these consultations, what’s going on at this stage. What’s happening? Because are these consultations gonna be left on the road when you drive past? Or are these consultations gonna go back to Government and you gonna come back again and you talk and sort things out, or what’s happening? Is this the first and the last consultation?
RA	00.26.51	The ah consultation is going directly to Government for consideration of where to next. The Intervention finishes next August and this is about the future relationship between government and communities. So this is the first of a lot of talking and a lot of conversation and hopefully a lot of partnership with communities into the future.
M2	00.27.16	[Language]

RA	00.27.50	This is not a consultation where we come and tell you what we are going to do. This is about talking to communities, working with communities and working out how we can do business better together.
M2	00.28.04	[Language]
M4	00.28.21	With the consultations coming to here, to Uluru, we'd much rather, sorry mate, we'd much rather see Jenny Macklin here, or the Prime Minister. The symbolic gestures of the Intervention starting here, starting here. It's been a total failure, the Intervention. Rather than closing the gap the government's own statistics show the Indigenous imprisonment rates have increased by 35% - putting more people in jail. That's number 1 statistic. A lot of other communities in the Northern Territory the attendance rates at schools has dropped. And in many places suicide and self-harm has increased because of the Intervention. And there's a growing crisis in urban areas like Alice Springs. People from out, from other communities going into Alice Springs. It must've worked by oppressing people. That's all the Intervention has done it has oppressed us. They've taken away all our capital assets. They [off camera woman interjects in language] [hands the microphone to interpreter] [some other voices in language]
M2	00.29.57	[Language]
M4	00.30.49	Can I just do a couple of more sentences and then
M2	00.30.53	[Language]
M4	00.30.56	Under the intervention they've gone to every other community in the Northern Territory and taken their land away from them. We don't have that here because we've got an agreement with the Commonwealth Government. In other places they've taken all the equipment like the community buses, the graders, and that there, but they haven't done it here because we won't let them. We winner there. They've gone around and done it everywhere except here. We don't want them policies to come here.
M2	00.31.31	[Language]
W3	00.32.04	[Language]
M2	00.33.24	[language....then] What she said we OK here and they pretty happy. And they did everything on their own and um she's worried that the community's not together

		[Language] [33.52 woman's voice off camera language]
woman's voice off camera	00.33.59	[woman's voice off camera] [Language]
M6	00.34.21	[Language]
M2	00.34.52	What this old bloke's saying. When the Intervention took over - where's the houses here – they didn't get any houses. Excuse me, Richard, Jill..... We got a question over here. Yeah. He said when the Intervention started here, they didn't get any new houses and where's you going? Why?
RA	00.35.16	I might ask Jill to start answering that one. I think there's some money been set aside for Mutitjulu and I'll just check with her.
JM	00.35.24	There is money set aside for Mutitjulu. 1.7 million dollars for new houses but there's still some work going on between Parks and the Northern Territory Government to sort out the leasing arrangements for that and there's a CLC meeting this Thursday to start the discussion with you about that.
M2	00.35.49	INTERPRETER: Kulini [Language]
M1	00.36.03	INTERPRETER 2 [brown jacket HSBC on back, sunglasses]: language Probably back in 2008, 2007 [Language] .
M1	00.36.46	I'm just saying about the lease arrangements , well under the Plan of Management with the National Park there's a clause in there for Mutitjulu Community or relevant Aboriginal Association with Mutitjulu Aboriginal Corporation they got to apply for a sub-lease. When Territory Housing wanting a lease, at the end of the day these people here are living in them houses not the Parks. So if you mob talking to Parks making decisions on behalf of these people here , it's not on. What you got to realise is all these Anangu gave leases to everyone, they gave lease to Parks. They gave lease to Yulara, but they forgot about their own lease, this community. Now Territory Government is coming asking for house leases, you know. We haven't got a secure tenure ourselves. Seriously. Step out from that cement and it belongs to Parks, it's National Park. So when you talking about lease arrangements, Anangu giving their houses away to Territory Housing, I think you need to sit down and discuss this a bit further. You can't make decision with Parks, you playing with people's lives here.

M1	00.38.05	[Language]
M2	00.38.43	[Language]
RA	00.39.03	[about to speak] TAPE CHANGE
M4 [tape resumes with man in red jacket speaking]	00.39.04	You mob signed lease when this fella last come here. You signed a lease to the Commonwealth Government and there was an aeroplane [indistinct] done by Northern Territory Government : "Ayer's Rock for all Australians". You'd remember that . Now they're gonna come and try to take your land off you again. For 1.7 million dollars. Tjitji lolly money. They gonna take up your thirty houses for 1.7 million dollars. Rubbish, tell them to go away. Go and play with themselves in Canberra. Don't come along and play with our minds. We gotta say that. Because Commonwealth Government owes you mob here. They owe Mutitjulu Community. Northern Territory Government they know that they're a bunch of thieves. They are.
Male voice off camera	00.39.55	[Language] interpreter [several voices of camera in language]
M2	00.40.00	[Language]
M5 [obscured from camera]	00.40.38	MAN: [Language] My question is [Language] when you talking about community plans. Well we're looking at planning for 5 years, 10 years but the sort of funding that comes through from government doesn't add up to our community plans. So when we're planning, we probably need a secure funding as well. Because when you haven't got a secure funding you can't even plan for your community. All it is, you mob just drip-system feeding us through these service-providers and this is what the government done here. Government took all the services off the council and gave it to service providers. I'll bet you any money it's costing you more dollars then you ever thought about it. Because all the service providers are running, and doing things on their own agenda items, not listening to community , setting up little sub-committees, so you got twenty other committees inside this small community. That's where the problem lies because no-one is talking to one another. Government granted that, we never did that, we trying to move forward and bring all the services back together so we can talk. Sort these problems out what's in here. At the moment you mob are putting all your fundings in the wrong basket. That's where the problem lies.

M5? obscured	00.42.10	Money [Language] service providers [Language] Congress, Frontier Services [Language] NPY [Language] money [Language]...
M2	00.42.50	[Language]
M6	00.43.14	[Language] Northern Land Council ABA [Language]
M2	00.43.49	What Mr T[?] was saying. Central Land Council um something to do with ABA [Language]
W3	00.44.07	[Language]
Man off camera:	00.44.36	She is just asking about the Aged Care facility. There will be overnight stays in the aged care too. They will be putting in eight rooms, but you can accommodate sixteen. That's been approved on the board of management level, and that funding is coming from Aged, from Health and Ageing, so I don't know when the go-ahead is. [Language]
M7	00.45.21	I want to ask Jill and what's your name again ...
RA	00.45.25	Richard
M7	00.45.26	Richard, I want to ask Jill, are you here to answer questions, or are you just here to take our notes
JM	00.45.38	We, We'll answer them if we know the answers. Um We'll take down questions – things like when is the Aged care starting we can go and ask our colleagues at Health and Ageing, there's no-one here today, but mostly it's to hear about what you want to say and we're writing that down and giving that back to government, and we'll show you what we write down so that you can check that what we've written down is what you said, and that's the main purpose of today. And M just reminded me that when I talked about that money for the housing, that's not new houses, that's only for the refurbishments on current houses.
M4	00.46.23	There's a trick in them words.
Woman	00.46.25	[various voices in language] [strong woman's voice] We want a proper... [Language]
Man	00.46.35	.. [Language]
W1	00.46.38	[Language] ... Intervention... [Language] I'm talking for the community... look at 'im proper for water, clinic, like job [Language] we bin giving message for a long time from

		here, Mutitjulu listen, listen for Anangu ... proper way [Language]
M1	00.47.18	She's sick of talking. She wants to do something for the kids, but there's no source of funding that comes through so she's sick and tired of talking, talking – when are you mob going to start listening?
	00.47.30	Various voices
M4	00.47.33	All right, I'll ask Jill and Richard a question. See if they can answer it. What was that um .. Peter Yu, what was the program he was involved in? Can I ask you? When he come here and talk to Anangu what they want about the Intervention. What was he doing?
JM	00.47.55	Peter Yu was part of the evaluation. So when this current government came in, when John Howard went, and Kevin Rudd came, they made a, they wanted to see if they should keep the intervention and so Peter Yu did a work around that and then they redesigned some elements of it.
Mario?:	00.48.18	All right I'll get B/B? to translate.
M2	00.48.28	[Language]
Man off camera M5?	00.48.50	So what did his report find? And what are you looking for? Are you looking for the same answers what he already give the government, or are we talking all over again?
JM	00.49.05	There were some changes made last year, and in 2009, ah 2010, and those particularly led to the re-installation of the Racial Discrimination Act, so income management for example, was kept, but it's no longer applying only to Aboriginal people, so that was one of the big changes, and there were some other changes and people did come back and um and tell the community what those changes were. But as Richard said before, the current laws around the Intervention and the current funding for the Intervention finish next year, so we want to hear from you what needs to be done when that all finishes next year , if anything.
woman	00.50.01	[woman speaks in language]
	00.50.04	Could you say that again. For the interpreter please, make it short , don't make it long
JM	00.50.16	OK So there was some changes after the Peter Yu review and they came in last year.
M2	00.50.25	[Language]
JM	00.50.35	One of the biggest changes was around the income

		management, and that now applies to everybody in the Northern Territory, not just Aboriginal people on Aboriginal communities.
M2	00.50.46	[Language]
JM	00.51.10	And now the laws around the Intervention and the money for the programs are currently running out next year. So we are here today to hear about what we need to do after next year.
M2	00.51.23	[Language]
W5	00.51.40	[Language]
M2	00.52.12	What she was explaining, um, Mutitjulu, been some people passed way but these mob they pretty strong and they going to continue. Yeah, that was the main thing she was saying.
M1	00.52.31	What E was saying, like, under the Plan of Management we say "Palya, we gotta put Tjukurrpa number one on top" because there's Anangu in manta, Anangu in Tjukurrpa. Not someone written it up in Canberra, wiya [no] it's all up in the kata [head]. Anyway, I want to ask you a question. Is there any way down the track under this new consultation process. These old people want help with their young people – pass the knowledge on, teach them Tjukurrpa, take them out on country, stuff like that. Land Council's got sort of funding like that, for that, you probably got funding like that, in your department somewhere. It's a matter of getting these old people together with the young people and they want to take the young people out and teach them about the country. At the moment they learning about whitefella bullshit. We don't want them to learn about walypala stuff. They can learn little bit her and there, but they gotta learn about their Tjukurrpa, about their ngura. [speaks in language].
RA	00.54.09	Thank you and um, we've been hearing that message very strongly across all the communities we've talked to. People are worried about young people. They're worried about ensuring the culture is passed on, and that old people are part of that process. They really are saying very strongly to us to solve the problems that young people are currently facing. Communities need to take some control. And old people need to be part of that conversation more broadly. So that is a very strong message and thank you for that. I just want to answer, I heard the message very strongly about the five year, and the short funding issue. We've heard that quite strongly across the board. And I've also heard the message about Minister Macklin coming

		and having the conversation rather than me, and I thank you for that, that's fine. I'll certainly take that back and suggest that this is a place that you need to come to visit.
M1	00.55.03	[Language]
M4	00.55.51	On them houses 1.7 million dollars they will give you. Unna. They'll give you 1.7 million dollars, they say that, but then, to pay for all the whitefellas come here, and consulting with you, they'll take money for administration cost and then only a little bit of money will do the wurley, here. In Alice Springs, them mob in town, the Northern Territory Government took their housing over, but now they're kicking Anangu out of their houses, so you got to be careful. They're kicking them Anangu out of their houses in Alice Springs. They'll come here and take this over and then kick you out of your house. That's true.
M2	00.56.39	Interpreter
Man off camera M1?	00.57.38	You said that land Council, FAHCSIA and Parks are having negotiations about Mutitjulu housing . How come Mutitjulu's not involved in these negotiations? How come? How come FaHCSIA, Land Council, and Parks are having negotiations about houses which Mutitjulu owns, and you're not talking to them?
JM	00.58.07	There hasn't been a negotiation because we appreciate it does have to involve the community and that's why the CLC's coming down on Thursday.
Man	00.58.16	What Mutitjulu can't talk for itself?
JM	00.58.18	Yeah the CLC is coming down to have that talk with you about it. We won't be here, but, they've asked for no Government people to be there.
Man:	00.58.27	So, are you saying no consultations went on without Mutitjulu?
JM	00.58.30	The only discussions that have occurred so far have been what is it that the Northern Territory Government needs to have?
	00.58.37	What, the Northern Territory can't have a lease here because this is a different lease – the Northern Territory Government can't have a lease.
Another male voice	00.58.43	Commonwealth Government
JM	00.58.44	That's right, it's different here to any of the five year leases

		and that's why the Northern Territory Government and the Commonwealth's had a conversation, but not a consultation, or a negotiation. That will happen, start, the process this Thursday.
M1?	00.58.58	Man: So its
M4	00.58.59	Another man: They're going round the back
M1?	00.59.00	Man: already planned
M4	00.59.01	Other man: They're going round your back! Talking about a lease here.
M1	00.59.05	[Interpreter]
	01.00.55	Indistinct voices in language in background
RA	01.01.07	So anyone else
W1	01.01.19	[Language] [some other voices in language in background at end of her speech]
M2	01.02.36	[Language]
	01.03.24	Obviously today it doesn't look like we're talking about the Intervention, it's there's more pressing problems that's arising and you can easily see that for yourself, so is there going to be first a consultation to sit down and nut all these issues out or... Cause, you've got paper there about the intervention but we've got more pressing problems in this community
M1	01.03.48	[Interpreter]
RA	01.04.23	Thank you for that. I think for me the message is very strong from this community that Government and community need to sit down a lot more and work out the issues that are important to you so that's the message I think is very strongly coming through. Um, this is your meeting so we're, we're happy to talk about anything. Obviously I don't come from the Northern Territory so I don't know some answers that you need, but the message certainly is very strong, that this community wants to sit down and do proper business with the government on issues that are important to you.
M2	01.05.01	[Language]
RA	01.05.29	I'd just like to ask one question about that. It is important for Government to understand how best to meet and negotiate and talk to communities. So I'd like to know from this community what way works for you?
M4	01.05.45	I got, I got some things written down here. I want to read

		them out, hey? Everything you must restore community governments. You must put everything back into Mutitjulu Aboriginal Corporation – number 1. We got the rights to make our own decisions – we’ve have rights to self-determination. Governance has got to be put back into Mutitjulu Community – Mutitjulu Aboriginal Corporation, because we still have our own council here.
M2	01.06.20	[Language]
M4	01.6.37	Um, we gotta increase government investment to all people here, you know, to all communities. Ban all these super communities and total control of budgets, we got to have total control. We got to have rapid improvement into education, housing, health, and community service which are required wherever Aboriginal people choose to live – urban areas, remote communities and homelands. They’re not going to fund homelands any more. We demand that they fund homelands.
M2	01.07.17	[Language]
M4	1.07.41	Now. We must say no, here, to town leases. We got our, this is our camp. We don’t need any whitefellas coming in telling us what to do. So, all town leases got to be just us, just our stuff. Territory government not involved here. This is Commonwealth jurisdiction.
M2	01.08.01	[Language]
M4	01.08.17	And they got to lift the ban on bilingual education. [Language] kamiku, kamiku wangka for education, bilingual education, bilingual education at school. It’s got to be put back into that school and the kindergarten and the high school – bilingual education because we have a Board of Management - Tjukurrpa on top. The only way we can look after Tjukurrpa is by having kindergarten teaches the bilingual education over there, and bilingual education at school, and bilingual education at high school.
M2	01.08.51	[Language]
M4	01.09.13	All the policies that the government develop now must reflect the um, the er, the Indigenous Rights Declaration by the UN. You know you must reflect that.
M2	01.09.36	[Language]
M4	01.09.55	Non-discriminatory alcohol management. We gotta look after, we gotta talk a bit more about that grog – I don’t want to go into that a bit more in depth because I’m

		frightened of grog, and everybody else because we seen too many people die. But we got to remove all the Northern Territory Emergency Intervention – we got to repeal that Act and we have to put self-determination back into the communities, hey.
M2	01.10.29	[Language]
M4	01.11.00	So I say to the government mob now. Go away. Tell the Minister and the Prime Minister to come back here, because this is Commonwealth responsibility here. Not Northern Territory Government . We signed lease twenty six years ago with the Commonwealth Government. I can go and get that sign we got in the council office and show you where people signed with the Commonwealth Government –not Territory Government – Commonwealth responsibility. You go back, you tell the Land Council mob, we don't want the Northern Territory Government here because we signed a lease twenty six years ago with Commonwealth Government. Commonwealth Government, not Territory Government, Commonwealth Government.
Man's Voice		can't keep still
M2	01.11.44	[Language]... various voices in language
M5	01.12.12	Does FaHCSIA fund a youth program at Mutitjulu? And in their own words, "Is it working?"
M2	01.12.26	[Language]
JM	01.12.35	Yes, FaHCSIA does fund a youth program. Um, unfortunately I don't manage that program so I wouldn't be qualified to say whether it's working or not working. I'd like you to tell me whether you think it's working.
Male	01.12.49	Well put it out here
JM	01.12.50	Ask the people.
M2	01.12.51	[Language]
Woman's voice	01.13.14	Ask questions
Male voice M1?	01.13.15	Ask questions
M2	01.13.17	[Language]
Woman's voice	01.13.24	[Language] and then various voices in language – one woman's voice in particular.
M2	01.13.33	Yes there's a lot of young people working. They are learning, learning a lot. [continued other voices in language] There's no money. They're swearing off over

		something somewhere –she’s complaining about. Uwa. Yes
M4	01.14.08	Could I just. I’m concerned about this place here. NPY they had a contract for 18 months. You see, you see all the workers here. Wiya, no worker for our youth program – that contract is worthless because they are not providing a service. You must get rid of NPY because they haven’t been doing their work. We’ve complained to the General, we’ve complained to A R, and we’ve complained to C G?, no not C G?, to G girl F. We’ve brought them in here and shown them that they’ve had a contract for 18 months but they’ve done no work , nothing. Youth worker not working with our mob here, hey? With our kids and there’s a contract. We have no night patrol also. Night patrol’s supposed to becoming but that’s Blue Hills episode weekly by Gwen Meredith – hundreds and thousands of times – that sort of, that sort of syndrome.NP
JM	01.15.12	Thank you for those comments and I’m happy to take those comments back about NPY. If they’re not delivering the service then we do need to do something about that, and um.
M2	01.15.26	[Language]
JM	01.15.40	And I know that the night patrol was one of those things that went last year when the shire decided that they weren’t going to continue servicing, and the Attorney General’s Department is, I understand, working up a contract that they are going to give to NCAC to deliver the night patrol and that funding is, is going to be here very shortly. NP
M2	01.16.05	[Language]
RA	01.16.26	OK , thank you for that. Before I think that someone said that schools, the school here, that the attendance at school is really good. I’d like to hear about the school and how that works and what works with the school.
M2	01.16.45	[Language] some voices in language in background
M1	01.17.03	What really happened there, like, we done some sort of work with the school kids and QANTAS Foundation and E H ? Foundation and they picked out ten kids that went to school every day. We took them, the old guys showed them around, after that when they came back they got in their friends ears and that’s why everyone went to school, after, when they came back. And now we got the

		<p>second highest rate of in the Territory of you know, attendance for our kids. But some sort of stuff used to be like funding vocational education or VEGAS funding they used to call it and we used to utilise that to take our kids away and show them the city and show them other places. That way that used to work well because they used to go and tell the other kids to come to school. And it gives them some kind of reward at the end of the year, school trip, you know. That sort of funding has been lacking and that's where our educational programs and our attendance has been falling apart, on other communities, so you really need to look at that.</p>
M2	01.18.04	[Language]
	01.18.11	TAPE CHANGE
M4?	01.18.14	We have good teachers here and they stay here for years not [woman's voice language over the speaker] good teachers we got.
	01.18.22	[Language]
M2	01.19.36	What she was saying. They took kids at the Land Council it's good and the door is open and if they get to know they need to step up. But there's another concern she's saying um they want night patrol and they want night patrol now. Pretty soon.
RA	01.19.59	Could I ask you just one more question about schools and then I'll move on. But you said before that it was really important for bilingual education in schools. You also said that it was really important for old people, older people to teach younger people. Are they doing that in the school, or are they doing that outside the school? I'd be interested to know and I think someone said before that teachers are really important, and that you've had teachers for a long time, so I'd like to hear about that please.
M2	01.20.35	[Language]
Woman's voice	01.20.56	[Language]
M2	01.21.58	She's saying still have to wait.. Various voices/ quiet conversation upfront can't really hear
M1	01.22.09	[Language]... Junior Ranger program [Language] ... and

		they do a junior ranger program as well through the Parks. That's really lifted? education . [Language] Worrying about a lease Why can't they build the houses straight away We need night patrol alatji Young people's programs Youth service under the juvenile diversion unit language basketball... They got to fix that.... M... \$100 budget every week waste of money language \$1.7 million language [Language] ... Australian Government[Language] Various voices in language
Various voices	01.23.43	Lots of voices in language [Language] wrong way wrong way
M1	01.23.56	That's a safety issue for the community we haven't got any street lights various voices in language
RA	01.24.02	There's no street lights anywhere?
M1	01.24.03	There's street lights but I call them candle lights
M1	01.24.12	[Language]
RA	01.24.48	I would like to thank you for telling us about the school and the success you are having. It is important for us to understand what works and what is working in this community and that's really useful for us. You also said before that a lot of young people got jobs in this community, so I'd like to hear a little bit about that and how you have been able to achieve that too.
M1	01.25.10	[Language]
Male Voice:	01.25.36	[Language]
M2	01.25.41	There's a bus load every morning going to the college
Woman's voice	01.25.48	[Language]
M1	01.25.51	and there's a lot of training being offered by ILC? as well, and a lot of people doing training there.
RA	01.25.55	so it's working OK
M1	01.25.57	[Language] Everything palya? language various voices in language
M4	01.26.15	But the most exciting thing, we got our own businesses. Mutitjulu Community got Gumlake? And under Gumlake comes all the other businesses because we got, we started with forming our own economic base. If the Government can realise that the Aboriginal community form their own economic base. This the only place, and I believe in Central Australia - is here, because that big thing there, we can form our own economic base if the government allows us to implement our own plans. We are getting our own economic development survey done at the moment.

		We're looking at all the enterprises that we have. Through our businesses we have cheaper food in our stores here than anywhere else. If the government wants to look at developing the Aboriginal communities, look at Munitjulu Aboriginal Corporation and CAP. They're doing a good job.
M1	01.27.26	[Language]
RA	01.28.38	Thank you. Thank you. I'd like to find out more about the planning you're doing around economic development it's really important for communities. (Interjection: Don't pinch our ideas) No, no, I might steal your ideas, I might take them back to West Australia. But it is important that, a lot of communities I've been to don't have that head start, and it would be really interested to find, I'd be really interested to find out.
M4	01.29.00	... [inaudible] the seventy per cent employment rate amongst the youth.
RA	01.29.03	Yeah I will do. That's an amazing effort.
M4	01.29.05	Where else in Australia got the same as we?
RA	01.29.07	That's an amazing outcome so ah, I congratulate you on it. I wouldn't, I would like to ask you one question. We only heard one little bit of a yarn around aged care and support for aged care. I haven't heard much about health and support for health I'd like to learn about health here. I'd also like to learn about people if they have to go away to Alice Springs or other places for health.
M1	01.29.31	[Language]
M5	01.30.01	Well just take a look around Richard and Jill. Is anyone from the clinic here, is anyone from the respite centre here, is anyone from the childcare here? Is anyone from all the other service providers here? No. So that's how divided the community is.
M1	01.30.17	[Language] [Woman's voice near end – takes microphone to her]
W5	01.30.43	[Language] Other voices in language in background
	01.31.25	Various voices in language [dust storm]
M5	01.31.45	I want to ask this bloke here, who's the peak Aboriginal body in the community? Who does the Government mob, who do they run to when they want to have a meeting? Do they run to the childcare and all that? They should be coming directly to you mob. Not going talking to them

		mob. And these mob. Come and talk to you, that's why... you gotta talk to the community that's where you gonna get all your information – like you're doing now.
M1	01.32.15	[Language]
RA	01.33.03	I'll just say, just say what I heard. OK thank you for that advice. I certainly across the Northern Territory have been coming to meetings like this because this is where I have the conversation, and I think there's a strong message there that the Government should come and talk to you more directly around issues that affect you, so thank you for that.
M1	01.33.29	[Language]
M4	01.33.51	Before the intervention we had doctors here, we had male health workers, health workers - now there's no primary health. Land Council, early on this year they said "Oh we got money for swimming pool – where's that swimming pool, yaaltji that swimming pool? (Voice: Wiya, Wiya) When we've got 80% hearing impairment in our classrooms, obviously a swimming pool will help with ears, eyes and nose and skin conditions We got, hey we got swimming pool, where that swimming pool? The kids are going to swimming in the shit farm again this year when we've had money for twelve months. How come the contracts hasn't been let? H Are they gonna open the swimming pool next winter The swimming pool should be building now, not next winter. We got to give the kids something. The whole Intervention is about looking after children. I think the Commonwealth Government and Territory governments done a dismal failure here.
M1	01.34.55	[Language]
M4	01.35.42	Well than you for that I heard a very strong message around the current services around primary health care and also the very high incidence of poor ear, hearing in primary school kids which is a real worry. Um, I'd also like to now ask a question around alcohol and alcohol management and whether this community has issues with alcohol, how it manages issues with alcohol, whether the current arrangements work , or don't work?
M1	01.36.14	[Language]
Woman's voice	01.36.26	Uwa mulapa....Voices, woman's voice in language
M1	01.36.41	This place in the past was declared a dry area
RA	01.36.46	By the community?
M1	01.36.48	[Language]...uwa, by the community 25 years ago. And

		now though someone says we got a multimillion dollar police station here and police they doing job too. [Language]
voices	01.37.12	[Language][voices in language]
M1	01.37.20	They saying set up like a designated area for problem drinkers, not problem drinkers but people whose bringing in grog into the community.
RA	01.37.29	mm (nodding)].
M1	01.37.30	They should have an area so they could drink there and then come home without the grog.
M4?	01.37.35	Social club
M1	01.37.36	Social club [Language]
[various voices]	01.37.47	[Language] [many various voices] wanti wanti Voice: Social club wiya. drunks gunja... the whole lot [various voices]
M4	01.38.10	With wama one, I seen all the, I seen all the young? Or Drunken? people driving wama. I don't like wama but we got to learn how to use that wama. When people go into Alice Springs they go to Piggly Wiggly's, they go carton, carton, carton, carton and drinking all the time. We got to learn to use alcohol. We got to be educated to use alcohol. Other communities in the Northern Territory – Bathurst Island or Milikapiti, Kalkaringi they have social clubs – workers only, workers only. [woman's voice: Workers' Club] If people don't work they don't get sales, they don't get sold. But in a limited way, you don't go and sell a carton of beer, you might sell four beers per day or something like that. We've got to think about that, but I'm a little bit scared about that one. I'm really scared about that one. That's only me, only me personally, I'm scared about the wama. I've seen wama kill everybody but we got to start talking about education.
Woman's voice	01.39.21	[Language] [other voices]
M1	01.39.26	[Language] [other voices in background speaking out]
M4	01.40.14	Talk[?] properly with that wama please
M1	01.40.17	[Language] [voices in background speaking out]
Woman's voice:	01.40.37	[Language] dry area...[Language]
M1	01.40.46	They're saying it's a dry area. There's got to be some kind of designated area got to be formed somewhere.
M1	01.40.53	[Language]... You want to ask any more questions. Here.
RA	01.41.08	I've got one more question from the last one – [voices calling out in language] - which is about how - what do you think about the police service here? Does it work?

		Does it not work? [Voices continue in language]
M2	01.41.21	[Language]
Various voices:		[calling out speaking in language]
Old man on gopher grey beard big battered hat	01.42.12	[Language] [other voices in language]
RA	01.42.21	Thank you, I just heard a very strong message, [number of voices calling out in language], a strong message that you'd like to see the police at night time, to help out for when break-ins, or argument or whatever, that they got to be more involved at that time of day. Thank you. And also again it comes back to the night patrol as well, helping out and working together.
voices	01.42.40	[Language]
M4	01.42.43	We also need a police [insurers?/angenerators?/incinerators?/achewers? (ancillaries)] a police [insurers?/angenerators?/incinerators?/achewers?] helping out here, Aboriginal, Anangu one.
M2	01.42.54	[Language]
RA	01.43.37	Ok Is there anything else anyone wants to tell us as part of this consultation? I'm getting very hungry because I smell pretty good kuka.
M2	01.43.47	[Language]
Various voices	01.44.00	[Language]
M2	01.44.06	[Language] They want to talk a little bit about the gunja stuff too. uwa
RA	01.44.11	mm. yeah
M1	01.44.13	[Language] various voices
	01.44.29	There's also, like they say, there's a wama problem, there's also a gunja problem, they're saying, all these problems, like any other community, it needs to be sorted and addressed properly.
M1	01.44.43	[Language]
M5	01.44.50	This is addressed to you Richard, and you can take it back to Jenny Macklin. Um. Why, Why is Mutitjulu always asking for government money? When all the money comes through the gate and Land Council's hanging on to the money? Why does Mutitjulu got to rely on government money? Land Council don't report on Mutitjulu money. Wiya, they just, they just say you got –

		they don't even tell these people how much money they got in the bank. Nothing. They, these people go to meeting and just talking about this and that and no money figures. So you got to make Land Council accountable. But why is Mutitjulu relying on Government money?
M1	01.45.36	[Language]
M1	01.46.10	[Language]
Various voices	01.46.28	[voices in language speaking out]
M1	01.46.44	[Language] [various other voices]
W1	01.47.00	[Language]
M1	01.47.03	[Language] voices number of voices say "uwa" [Language] voices
M1	01.47.44	..., now with the intervention. The intervention might be running out next year 30 th June [Language]...maybe second phase of intervention [Language] ...
W3	01.48.08	[Language]
M1	01.48.46	Just with the Basic Card side of it yeah, when the intervention started I seen digits just written in my Basic Card. I'm glad the intervention is finishing next year.
Voices	01.48.55	[Language]
M1	01.48.59	We got to look at our money, as in cash, not on card. Wiya.
M6	01.49.08	[Language]
M1	01.49.35	With all these consultations you're doing now, since the intervention gonna be finished, 30 th June next year, what are you going to name it after? What's the new name for the intervention? How you gonna cope and how you gonna do this? So what are the second phase you looking at with all these consultation process? Is it going to be intervention number 2? Or is it going to be more headache for the government? You might as well call it or something ala palya
RA	01.50.12	Um What comes next is about us working with communities as we're doing now. Working out what works and what doesn't work. The big overarching policy position government's got is about closing the gap. And we want to work with communities to make sure that we start to work really hard on that
M4	01.50.33	We got to have self-determination to do that..... we got to have self -determination
M1	01.50.38	[Language]
Woman's voice	01.51.13	[Language] [other voices]
RA	01.51.21	I'll say one more thing about the strong message we're getting from Northern Territory communities is that has to

		work more closely with communities to find solutions.
M1	01.51.33	[Language] [other voices]
W1	01.52.05	Sorry, sorry, [Language]
RA	01.52.44	I have heard very strongly the message that Mutitjulu is a strong and proud community, um, and this community, um, knows, knows where it wants to go and what its destiny is. What we want to do is we want to work with you to help you realise those things
M2	01.53.02	[Language]
W1	01.53.15	[Language]
M2	01.54.16	What she's saying is [inaudible] strong council and she's talking a bit about alcohol. When they drink they should stop outside and drink.
RA	01.54.35	Thank you, ay, that's a strong message we heard earlier and I thank you for that message. Um, before I, um, finish up, um, this conversation, um, B, we're, on the back here, of that ute here. B is available for further conversations with families, individuals, whoever you want to can talk to him. He's also able to do a feedback directly to government as well
M2	01.55.05	[Language] GBM [Language]
RA	01.55.30	B will also be bringing back the notes from this meeting and the outcomes of this meeting to you so, to make sure we are accurate
M2	01.55.38	[Language] [various voices speaking out in language – microphone taken to lady in blue shirt – she speaks to M2]
M2	01.56.19	What she's saying is "When the intervention finished what's going to happen with Centrelink, they going to continue, she's wondering about Centrelink.
RA	01.56.27	Yeah, Centrelink will still be, a universal service to Australia, yeah. Yeah. Um. I'd like to thank you all for today. It's been really good, and I really appreciate the fact that you've been able to be honest with us. Thank you very much.
M2	01.56.45	[Language]
		applause
	01.57.06	End of video

Anangu words included in transcript:

kata	head
Tjukurrpa	Law Dreaming
alatji	Like this
yaaltji	Where
Gunja [well not A <u>n</u> angu origin]	Marijuana
kulini	Listen understand
kuka	meat
Wama, waina	alcohol
palya	good, fine,
tjitji	children
uwa	yes
wiya	no
manta	Land, country
ngura	Home country camp homeland
walypala	whitefella
kamiku	Grandmother's
wangka	Language, tongue, speech