

Statement from Emmanuel Yunupingu: Monitoring and Evaluation for Milindji Corporation

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Our business Milindji corporation is still ongoing, smoothly and following the right order. Our business hasn't been stopped or someone else not looking after our business. From me, on my opinion, business is going well.

I inform myself to push TOs to be in that situation and understand very carefully and getting all the advice and make sure put it in our mind, so we don't have to lose anything that keeps us away from that business – like bāpurru or funeral, something like that. Meeting is very important, and also uplifting our community and our people and our landmarks.

So, we're looking only these things to be done in the future and we are so hoping for people to step up and get this djāma, helping each other and walking hand in hand and holding that torch all the way until it lights up your other business so everyone can see what you have done, what you have heard and what you have seen so they can recognise who you are and where you have come from with all these ideas.

I step up and we establish this business for this community and for TOs. The TOs need more numbers of people whose interested or willing to work for Milindji. Try to appoint someone who has got good understanding, good skill. It's not just me we are using our voice so we need to be very strong and use our own voice to help our old people so in the future they can see kids are growing up, they will hear what's been happening, they will also learn from that and they will do the same thing passing in the future that message to next generations.

The best way is you need to stay focussed on evaluating and monitoring.

People might see you in the meantime and they will know you and they will recognise you that you are helping your community and also your aboriginal corporation.

Keep doing teamwork effort, nonstop. Keep going until you reach the goal. People are also seeing you, what's your background and they are knowing you where you come from and what sort of things you find and what sort of things you learn. The best way we need to bring people together to talk about it, how are we going to step into this situation and get all everything and establish it in one altogether. Keep it tight, all make sure no-one comes around and takes it from you, will keep in the background that is the story for Milindji corporation.

I know it's hard, but I am trying to do my best and I will have to keep going, I will never give up this job, I have my community, all my family and I will make it right thing for this community and my people.

We're making two worlds, both side Yolŋu and Western so we are helping each other and walking hand to hand. It's really amazing, good job Yolŋu and Balanda walking together in the right direction carrying a torch all the way once we started and we are never going to stop until we reach the end and complete everything that we have been decided on what we have been looking so these things have been going in the right direction. Balanda people from any department they recognise us who we are and they know us we are steady, strong for our community, our business and for our future.

I want to challenge you people, my family, so they can get up and fight for our rights. We grow up here and we are living here forever. This is the time for us to stand strong and build something we haven't seen for a long, long time. We all included and we all connected to this people and this soil and these landmarks. We got right to say it because this is our land and we are fighting strongly and we are trying to find the best way to make something that really makes us happy.