Laynhapuy Homelands Association Inc. is a resource organisation supporting 18 remote ‘yolngu matha’ speaking homelands/outstations in North East Arnhem Land. These homelands are dispersed over an area of some 6,500 km² to the south and south west of Nhulunbuy. Some 800 Yolngu people live in these homelands. Our board of management is comprised of Yolngu representatives from these homelands.

Most of the Laynhapuy homelands have no effective access to media services – no newspapers, not television, no radio and no internet. Moreover English is usually a third or fourth language and literacy rates tend to be very low.

The Aboriginal Resource and Development Service’s (ARD’s) ‘Yolngu Matha’ radio service has provided the first real opportunity to breakdown this isolation, providing relevant news, current affairs discussion, information about government services, health education programs, and entertainment.

The fact that the broadcasts are:
- ‘in language’ (ie. Yolngu Matha)
- developed with a full appreciation of the cultural sensitivities and context
- from a source (ie. ARDS) which has through many years of service and involvement established a high level of trust and legitimacy

has been critical to the positive reception of the radio service amongst Yolngu residents of the Laynhapuy Homelands where they can currently receive the service, and amongst the residents of the major communities of Yirkala Gunyangarra and Nhulunbuy.
Laynhapsuy Homelands Association Inc. is strongly supportive of the application by ARDS and the proposed Amhem Land License Area Plan. It is clearly in the interests of our member homelands that this important service, that speaks to us in our language and about the issues of concern to us, is strengthened and grows its capacity to service our region.

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of Laynhapsuy Council.