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Message from the Special Administrator – 16 October 2026

Dear Common Law Holders

This is an update on the Court hearing yesterday before Justice McIntyre.

At the hearing last week, ATLA and the Geraldine Anderson Sub-Group asked the Court for the Third and Fourth Interim Reports to be given to the Common Law Holders with only a few items of sensitive personal information blacked out.

Justice McIntyre wrote a judgment, which was delivered today (a copy of the judgement is on the ATLA website: ATLA.com.au).

I am pleased to say that the Judge ordered that the Inspector's Third and Fourth Interim Reports can be given to the Common Law Holders, with some parts that are private or personal information or are legal advice blacked out.

The Judge said that she agreed with Chief Justice Kourakis's judgment in February 2026 when he said that *"Every beneficiary has an interest in whether the distributions to the Sub-Groups are achieving the objects of the Master Trust."*

The Judge also said that she is *"conscious of the concerns of many of the traditional owners/beneficiaries over delay"* and repeated what Chief Justice Kourakis said in his judgment: *"For too long the Traditional Owners/beneficiaries have been denied the information necessary to make effective that right granted to them by the Master Deed."*

The parties will be back in Court on Tuesday 27 October 2026 at 9:30am for the Judge to determine which items of sensitive personal information or Rangelea's legal advice should be blacked out before the Inspector's Third and Fourth Interim Reports are given to the Common Law Holders. This Court hearing will be held in Port Augusta, and anyone is welcome to attend the hearing in person if they want to. Getting links to watch the hearing online might not be possible.

Some of the Sub-Groups continue to try to delay access by all Common Law Holders

Before the last hearing on 7 October 2026, some of the Sub-Groups said they had not been given procedural fairness and want more time to provide more information to the Inspector. The Court ordered that all further information is to be given to the Inspector by 9 October 2026, and that the Sub-Groups would need to make a separate formal request if they wanted more time.

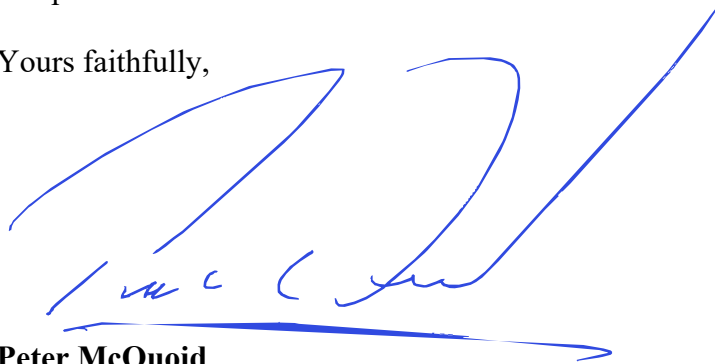
In her judgment delivered today McIntyre J said that these Sub-Groups had not been denied procedural fairness, and that the issues they raised had already been decided by Chief Justice Kourakis. The Judge said that these Sub-Groups have had the Fourth Interim Report for three months, and the fact that they have not provided further information to the Inspector within that time does not mean they have not had the opportunity to do so.

Shortly before today's hearing the lawyer for the following Sub-Group representatives: Virginia Stuart, Beverley Patterson, Sandra Coulthard, Lynlee Smans, Vincent Coulthard, Roger Johnson, and Michael McKenzie, wrote to the Court trying to further delay the Inspector's Interim Reports from being shared with the Common Law Holders by asking for even more time to provide information to the Inspector. They now want until 20 November 2026 to provide more information. They have already had over a year to give the Inspector information and have had the Inspector's Fourth Interim Report for more than 3 months. Their last-minute request today for more time was not discussed in detail by the Judge at today's hearing.

I will provide a further update after the next hearing on 27 October 2026 on how the Inspector's Third and Fourth Interim Reports will be made available to the Common Law Holders.

I also remind Common Law Holders that the compensation monies (85%) will remain under the control of the Supreme Court of South Australia until the Inspector's investigation has been completed and the Court has made further orders.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter McQuoid', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter McQuoid
Special Administrator
16 October 2026