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## JAWOYN RETURN TO KEY VALUES

Leading Katherine – based Indigenous organisation, the Jawoyn Association, today committed to refocusing on its core values of looking after country, cultural maintenance and economic development.

Chairman Ryan Baruwei said the restructure of the Association was almost complete and the Association was well placed to again focus on its core values.

“We all acknowledge have been through a trying few months,” Mr Baruwei said.

“It’s now time to put aside the negativity of recent months and move forward. It’s time to stop damaging the reputation of the Jawoyn Association.

“That’s what Jawoyn country men and women want, that’s what the clan groups want and that’s what the local organisations and businesses want.

“We have worked hard over recent months and also listened to the concerns of our people and these important groups.

“The thing coming through most clearly is they want us to leave this negativity behind and refocus our attention on the tasks that are so important to our people.

“But in saying this I want to emphasise that we are fully committed to co-operating with any future authorised investigations.

“The Jawoyn Association has already received an independent review of records and legal advice and is acting on that advice. Because we face the threat of continuing legal action we cannot comment further on those

matters. When they are resolved to the Board's satisfaction we will make appropriate reports public.

"The Jawoyn Association's Board supports full transparency.

"This organisation has made strong decisions and has worked hard over nearly three decades to earn its outstanding reputation.

"The Association's current management and board want to do everything possible to maintain that reputation,

"We have invited the Chief Minister and the Leader of the Opposition to come and visit the Jawoyn Association and see the good work we are doing," Mr Baruwei said.

The Jawoyn Association will also be inviting other political leaders to meet with Jawoyn in the near future.

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