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Subject: RPA and IM Consults in APY Lands

Dear all

Today was an interesting one in our various discussions with communities in APY. We visited Fregon most of the day, and then travelled up for a meeting in Umuwa with Nganampa Health, attended by Paul Torzillo and John Singer, the Chair.

As just discussed with Michael Lye, the communities are getting confused with the volume of information we are presenting, and unfortunate links are being drawn with the NT intervention (this term being used a little too often). It is quite clear that we need to separate out the IM discussions from the RPA, otherwise we will not get support for either of these initiatives

A number of the crowd at Fregon were the same as in Mimili yesterday and again, the discussions were pretty much derailed by the calls to restore all funding to the Community Councils. The few who are speaking out strongly against the RPA as it is proposed are negating the opportunity for any other meaningful discussion. When we then come to talk about IM, we are on the back foot, and the talk about the NT and intervention comes out. Interestingly, despite these sorts of statements, we are still hearing quite a few positive comments regarding IM, Basics Card etc.

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Cheers

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