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New Management Body for Traditional Owners of Jabirr Jabirr Country

The Traditional Owners of Jabirr Jabirr country have established a new administration body to manage future benefits arising from the Browse LNG project at James Price Point.

Wardi Ltd was recently incorporated and replaces the Traditional Owners' Negotiation Committee. Wardi is a Jabirr Jabirr word meaning people of the north.

Jabirr Jabirr Traditional Owner, Warren Greatorex, has been appointed Chairperson of Wardi Ltd.

Mr Greatorex said today that the Traditional Owners had formed their own independent body to control and manage future financial and social benefits arising from the Browse project.

"This is a crucial time for our claim group and it is important that we have a strong, autonomous organisation to look after our interests," he said.

"This is the most historic agreement to have been signed in Australia and we have set the benchmark. Under Wardi's umbrella, we will establish the necessary structures to manage and take full advantage of the benefits for our people and the wellbeing of the community over the lifetime of the project.

"Ultimately, it's about standing on our own feet and determining our own future.

"Wardi's task is to maximise the opportunities for Traditional Owners of Jabirr Jabirr country and we will be working hard to make sure we achieve this," Mr Greatorex said.

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