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Press Release

Brett Whiteley Federal Liberal Member for Bass cancels meeting with Aboriginal Delegation -30 minutes prior to meeting.

'Tasmanian Aboriginal Delegation who was scheduled to meet with Brett Whiteley today at 11:30am today at his Wilmot street office was very disappointed, when his chief of media Clayton Hines contacted Trudy Maluga to inform her Brett was cancelling the meeting due to ABC contacting him for comment', said State Secretary Trudy Maluga.

"Local Aborigines Kathleen Brown and Ashley Murray were disheartened that Mr Whiteley cancelled the meeting only 30 minutes earlier due to ABC wanting a comment from him. The issues to be discussed was how Aboriginal Legal aid was being provided in the State and to discuss ongoing issues with the new provider. Local people wanted to discuss with Mr Whiteley the need to have the Aboriginal Legal Aid funds to be returned to local community control", Said Miss Maluga.

"How many more local people has Brett Whiteley refused to meet with, or is it the fact is he is declining to meet with any Aboriginal delegation', said Miss Maluga.

"It took us a number of weeks to get Mr Whiteley to meet with local community members. He was elected to represent all the people living in his region not just the white ones. This shows Mr Whiteley's lack of concern for local issues and his cowardly politics for choosing not to meet with people he was elected to represent", said Miss Maluga.

"Mr Whiteley is a direct link to the Federal decision makers. Local community have not got a hope when they have a politician too cowardly to meet with them. Our state has not got any hope of moving forward if we have a Federal representative too scared to take on local concerns we are in trouble", said Miss Maluga

Trudy Maluga
State Secretary
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