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NAAJA Board responds to media reporting into its governance

In the wake of recent media coverage regarding allegations of improper conduct by NAAJA, the NAAJA Board confirms that it categorically refutes these allegations.

In November 2022, the NAAJA Board initiated two separate independent investigations.

The first independent investigation was an audit of finance, credit card use and other undisclosed arrangements that were not authorised by the NAAJA Board. This independent investigation was undertaken by BDO Australia.

The BDO Australia findings were lodged with NT Police in February 2023. NAAJA is continuing to assist NT Police with their investigations.

The BDO Australia findings were also lodged with the Australian Federal Police. NAAJA is waiting on advice from the AFP on progress on their investigations into the matters identified in the BDO Australia independent investigation.

The second independent investigation was an organisational review of corporate governance, maturity and the effectiveness of functional business unit systems and processes within NAAJA. This independent investigation was undertaken by KPMG and finalised in January 2023. All recommendations for improvement have been accepted and endorsed by the NAAJA Board. NAAJA has commenced implementing key recommendations of the KPMG independent investigation with a focus on strengthening governance, systems, and operations.

The NAAJA Board is committed to ensuring that NAAJA continues to deliver quality services to its clients and community.

NAAJA calls on NT Police and the AFP to take immediate steps to conclude their respective investigations as a matter of urgency.

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