



ration days 'like our forefathers, lining up for food, and I do not advocate going back to those days.

Gumala has received dozens of messages and thanks from grateful members who used the gift cards to buy clothes for their children, presents for their families and food.

At the end of the day, Gumala is about self-determination, not micro-managing our members.

We cannot parent grown men and women.

We cannot be accountable for how members choose to spend their money, just like mining giants are not responsible for how its employees and executives spend their bonuses.

In the aftermath of the media coverage, we have seen keyboard warriors saturate social media with disgusting and hurtful racial remarks.

This story was a cheap shot. It was sensationalist reporting at its best and a one-sided portrayal of a serious community issue.

It is time for police to stop passing blame and for us to accept responsibility as a united community. We are collectively responsible to make change.

If there is true community concern, I invite WA Police, government agencies and other Aboriginal corporations to meet and work collaboratively to address the multitude of issues in the Pilbara.

And now that Senior Sergeant Snashall and police have raised their concerns about the welfare of Miss Dhu, whose family are Gumala members, and her mistreatment in a South Hedland Police Station cell in her last days.