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Re: **Submission to the enquiry in to remote community stores in Aboriginal and Torres Strait communities**

Dear Committee Secretary,

Keep Australia Beautiful Council Northern Territory (KABC(NT)), is a non government not for profit community based organisation incorporated under the Associations Incorporated Ordinance in 1976.

The primary objectives of the Council are to:

- ⇒ Promote, encourage and recognise the endeavor of Territory people and communities in community developments that improve environmental health and living conditions, particularly in remote Northern Territory communities.
- ⇒ Encourage and promote conservation, reuse and recycling
- ⇒ Promote conservation of natural resources and encourage positive community behaviour and attitude regarding despoliation, pollution and waste minimisation
- ⇒ Promote enterprise and capacity building in N.T. communities
- ⇒ Monitor related existing and proposed public policy and encourage the adaption of best practice by governments, business and communities.

KABC(NT) is dedicated to promoting nutritional store and food policies. We have experience and understand both the challenges and demands placed on remote and regional stores through out Northern Territory (NT) in their endeavor to meet community customer needs. On this issue we welcome the enquiry into remote community stores

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Outback Stores, in Northern Territory, has created an opportunity where KABC(NT) as an organisation can work in partnership, building a relationship that will create an opportunity to achieve similar shared outcomes and objectives, through out all NT Outback Stores.

Currently KABC(NT) is funded by the Packaging Stewardship Forum (PSF) of the Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC), under the Territory Tidy Towns program, to influence, promote and deliver the shared outcomes of 'litter abatement' and 'resource recovery', throughout our Northern Territory remote indigenous communities. Outback Stores can and are prepared to take a key role in this 'value added' achievement to the benefit of the community, the people and their country.

KABC(NT) has already conducted a number of preliminary meetings with Outback Stores Pty Ltd since 2008, preparing pilot trial plans for the Northern Territory Roper Gulf regional area stores delivering the shared objectives of recovering resources back into the recycling loop and reducing waste to landfill.

The main beneficial advantages of KABC(NT) working with a group organisation such as Outback Stores is that successfully trialed viable projects with shared outcomes can be effectively 'rolled out' to the other Outback Stores with both organisations sharing introduction, implementation, information, ideas and experiences, to achieve sustainability.

KABC(NT) is willing to appear before the committee to provide oral evidence.

Yours sincerely,

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