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**The Hon Dr John McVeigh, MP**  
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Parliament House  
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Dear Dr McVeigh

**FOLLOW-UP TO PUBLIC WORKS HEARING QUESTION – TINDAL PROGRAM**

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The MC expects local Katherine companies will be engaged by either their direct sub-contractors, sub-subcontractors or suppliers on the project who will use local Katherine based employees. The MC has and will continue to actively encourage participation by local Katherine businesses through the conduct of Industry Briefings and through the project-specific Industry Capability Network NT site for opportunities relating to the works.

As part of their Local Industry Capability Plan, the MC has proposed continuing a number of successful initiatives used on the NACC project, including ‘Successful Transition To Work’ program, ‘Try-A-Trade’ program and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Northern Land Council and Katherine High School to promote the employment of local and indigenous workers.

In summary, it is the case that most, possibly all, of the MC team responsible for the management for this large and complex \$1.1 billion program will come from outside the Katherine area. There will remain however multiple opportunities for Katherine business and locals to be involved in the subcontracted delivery of the works.

Yours sincerely

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