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Dear Senator

Thank you for your invitation of 18 September 2018, offering the Northern Territory Government opportunity to provide a submission to the Senate Select Committee's Inquiry into policy and process to limit and reduce red tape.

The Northern Territory is undertaking a range of actions and processes to reduce red tape.

The Northern Territory's regulation-making process requires all regulatory proposals to be assessed under the Northern Territory Regulation Making Framework to ensure regulation is efficient and effective with minimal imposts on businesses and the community. The Regulation Making Framework was updated in 2017 with some of the Productivity Commission-identified best practice principles in regulatory analysis.

In June 2017, the Northern Territory Government published its Economic Development Framework outlining the directions and actions needed to accelerate economic development. One of the key actions from the Economic Development Framework is to progress a comprehensive, balanced and accountable regulatory reform agenda to provide a globally competitive environment. The Northern Territory Government will publicly report on the progress towards delivering the actions in the Economic Development Framework.

The Northern Territory Government is working closely with the Commonwealth to identify additional potential reforms to assist small businesses as part of the Small Business Regulatory Reform Agenda.

The Northern Territory Government is also engaging with the Commonwealth on the National Business Simplification Initiative to assist businesses grow and create jobs, new products, and market opportunities by cutting red tape and streamlining services. The Northern Territory Government identified the following projects for collaboration with the Commonwealth under the initiative: changing migration settings to provide flexibility to businesses and potential investors

to access skilled workers; streamlining business licence and permit applications and renewals by connecting Commonwealth regulator databases to Northern Territory licensing regulators; and collaborating with the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profit Commission to move toward a single point of entry on financial and governance reporting for non-profit organisations.

Yours sincerely

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