

Top End Aboriginal Coastal Alliance Incorporated (TEACA) Responses to Questions Agreed to be Taken on Notice during the 14 March 2024 Public Hearing of the Senate Economics Legislation Committee Inquiry into the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Legislation Amendment (Safety and Other Measures) Bill 2024

**Question 1:** You mentioned during your opening statements and your closing remarks that you represent certain groups. Can you tell me which coastal groups they are? Are you able to provide that on notice to us.

**TEACA Response to Question 1:** TEACA represents the First Nations clan group estate holders of coastal and sea country areas of the Top End of the Northern Territory of Australia.

**Question 2** - given that the government doubled the amount of funding to all schools in the Northern Territory just yesterday? How are we going to ensure that that money goes to the right places?

**TEACA Response to Question 2:** TEACA welcomes the Government's additional funding for Northern Territory schools. TEACA advocates strongly for improved educational services and outcomes for our people. TEACA would welcome the opportunity to sit with the Government to discuss the issues, including to identify suitable and culturally appropriate solutions towards achieving positive educational outcomes for our people, both in communities and in our isolated homelands. With poor infrastructure and a lack of services across the Top End of the Northern Territory, education is one of the key areas we desperately need to see improved in our regions.