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Dear Ms Morris

RE: NEW INQUIRY INTO STREAMLINING ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION

We refer to your letter to the Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment dated 28 February 2014 regarding the above. This letter has been referred to the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority (NT EPA) for appropriate response.

We note the Terms of Reference relating to the Inquiry into Streamlining environmental regulation, 'green tape', and one stop shops. The NT EPA believe that the Terms of Reference adequately reflect the growing need for avoiding duplication of environmental approval processes at federal and state/territory level.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our views on the Terms of Reference. Should you wish to discuss any matters, please contact Dr Bill Freeland, Chair of the NT EPA.

Yours sincerely

DR BILL FREELAND Chair

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