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Dear Ms Youhourn

Thank you for the invitation to provide input into the *Parliamentary Inquiry into COVID-vaccine related fraud and security risks* on behalf of the Northern Territory.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Northern Territory Government has acted swiftly to protect the health and safety of Territorians. As our key priority has been to protect vulnerable Territorians and maintain the integrity of our quarantine system, we remain vigilant as to the security of the vaccine rollout.

Although the Northern Territory Commissioner of Consumer Affairs advises that no reports of COVID-related telecommunication or internet fraud have been received in the Territory, we remain watchful and continue to engage with other jurisdictions to understand emerging risks. Similarly, while issues relating to fake vaccines or certifications are yet to arise, we continue to work with national forums, such as the Serious and Organised Crime Committee, to be able to educate Territorians of the risks that could arise. The Northern Territory Government has also recently completed a security review at major hospitals and the storage of COVID vaccines, and we look forward to receiving and acting upon any recommendations arising out of this audit.

The Northern Territory has deep links in trade, tourism, international education and humanitarian assistance in our region. In recent months, the Northern Territory Government has welcomed delegations who have come to learn from our highly successful quarantine and localised border security arrangements. Likewise, the Northern Territory stands ready to support the vaccine rollout in Australia and our region by sharing our experience in supply chain management and service delivery to people living in remote and isolated places.

Yours sincerely

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