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Mr Barry Wakelin MP
 Chair
 House of Representatives Standing Committee on
 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
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Dear Mr Wakelin

Please find attached the publication *Breaking New Ground* that describes the success of the Indigenous Pastoral Program (IPP) in the Northern Territory. The Indigenous Land Corporation (ILC) initiated this Program some three years ago and it has been responsible for a significant increase in cattle numbers (20,000) on Indigenous land and more that 11,000 square kilometres of land under improved management in terms of fire, feral animal and weeds control.

Specific training programs have also delivered significant outcomes for Indigenous people. For example, a pre-employment training program, which was run on Elliot Station during 2004/05 for 18 young Indigenous people, resulted in 13 people graduating and 11 people being placed in full-time employment. Other arrangements include short and medium-term contracts that have created 20 stock camp jobs and more than 30 jobs under short-term fencing contracts. In addition, over 80 Indigenous company directors have completed or are undertaking corporate governance training. Total funding under the IPP over four years (2003-2007) is \$4.42 million with an ILC contribution of \$1.45 million.

The ILC Board has just recently approved further funding for the IPP for the next five years. I am sure that you will be pleased with its progress to date and I am positive that further employment and training opportunities for Indigenous people in the Northern Territory will accrue over the next five years.

Yours sincerely

SHIRLEY McPHERSON
 Chairperson