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Thank you for the invitation for the NTCA to appear before the Committee, with regard to the hearings in to the Reeves Report.

With regard to the Report, the Association agrees with two of Mr Reeves' main findings:

1. That the NT Landrights Act has had a positive effect by giving traditional people greater confidence and a sense of belonging on their own tribal lands.

2. That the removal of the entry permit system would encourage more productive partnerships between Aboriginal people and other Territorians.

The Association notes Mr. Reeves' comments on reform of the representative structure in Aboriginal Administration & policy management, but we do not feel that we are in a good position to comment on this aspect of the report.

Yours sincerely,

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