

25 March 2021

Dear Mr Brown

**RE: Support to expediate the Larrakia Cultural Centre (LCC)**

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the Larrakia Development Corporation's (LDC) development of the LCC at the Darwin Waterfront.

The development of the LCC enables the LDC to create a facility that not only protects the cultural heritage of the Larrakia people, but assists in maintaining and promoting their language, history and stories for future generations. The location of the LCC on a site close to Chinute Chinute (Stoke's Hill) provides the opportunity for LDC to also protect a site of significant cultural value for all Larrakia.

The LCC will contribute significantly to creating sustainable employment and economic development opportunities for Larrakia and other Territorians. As we see it, the cultural centre would benefit revitalising the Darwin CBD and attracting additional tourists to the Northern Territory. It will promote the Aboriginal heritage of Darwin and attract additional tourists who are looking for a genuine experience.

Ensuring you are able to secure appropriate tenure of the land which the LCC will be located will be critical to enable the successful long term commercial viability of the facility.

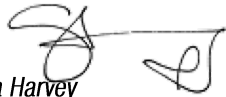
I believe these opportunities are aligned with development initiatives outlined in the Territory Economic Reconstruction Commission's final report handed down in November 2020.

To secure long term investment for the site there must be an assurance that the LCC is managed and run by a corporation that is not reliant on recurrent Government funding with a robust commercial history and practice. The LDC, its people, systems, processes and mandate would be a suitable candidate for this responsibility.

I would perceive that for the Larrakia, allowing the LDC to expediate the development of the LCC would represent a positive long-term investment in cultural and economic sustainability that will benefit all Territorians. The LCC should be given every available opportunity to be realised.

As an organisation, we are proud to support the Larrakia Development Corporation in its continued pursuit of this exciting cultural development.

Regards



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