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Mr Nigel Browne Chief Executive Officer Larrakia Development Corporation PO Box 37207 Winnellie NT 0821

Dear Mr Browne

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

I am writing in support of the development of the LCC at the Darwin Waterfront.

INPEX is Japan's flagship oil and gas company. In Australia, we are the operator of Ichthys LNG¹, one of the largest and most complex energy developments in the world. The Ichthys gas and condensate field is located in the Browse Basin some 220 kilometres off the Kimberley coast of Western Australia, where we have installed two large offshore production facilities. An 890-kilometre-long subsea export pipeline connects these facilities to an onshore gas processing facility near Darwin. INPEX also maintains an interest in the Bayu-Undan/Darwin LNG project.

When INPEX began work in Darwin in 2007, the company recognised the importance of collaborating with the Larrakia people and supporting the preservation of Larrakia heritage and culture. Since then, the company's relationship with Larrakia people has evolved and in 2017, the INPEX Larrakia Advisory Committee (ILAC) was established. This committee consists of Larrakia people with a variety of required skillsets including heritage specialists, people with environmental knowledge, Larrakia Elders, young people, government employees and representatives of the two main Larrakia organisations – Larrakia Development Corporation (LDC) and Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation (LNAC). The committee has provided a channel for meaningful two-way conversation, allowing INPEX to take advice from the community and to work closely with Larrakia people.

INPEX values its relationships with the ILAC, LDC and LNAC and is working together to contribute to the social and economic development of the Larrakia community. In consultation with the ILAC, INPEX established the \$24M Larrakia Ichthys LNG Foundation Trust (LIFT) in 2018. The purpose of the LIFT is to provide a benefit to the Larrakia community over the 40 years of the INPEX Ichthys LNG operations and is the first such initiative in Australia signed - outside of Native Title legislation - between Traditional Owners and an operating production company.

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  Ichthys LNG is a joint venture between INPEX group companies (the Operator), major partner Total and the Australian subsidiaries of CPC Corporation Taiwan, Tokyo Gas, Osaka Gas, Kansai Electric Power, JERA and Toho Gas.

To date, funding from both INPEX and the LIFT has seen 24 air conditioning units installed for Larrakia Elders and people with disabilities, more than 500 Larrakia access education related benefits, seven families receive assistance for funerals and Larrakia elderly enjoy transportation to and from elder-care activities.

The concept of the LCC aligns with INPEX's aspiration to not only protect the cultural heritage of the Larrakia people, but assist in maintaining and promoting their language, history and stories for future generations. We are aware that the LCC will be located on a site close to Chinute Chinute (Stoke's Hill) which is a site of significant cultural value for all Larrakia.

The cultural centre will benefit not only the Larrakia but the Darwin community, as it will aid in the revitalisation of the Darwin CBD through promotion of Aboriginal heritage, thereby attracting additional tourists who are looking for a genuine experience.

I understand that for the Larrakia, the development of the LCC would represent a positive long-term investment in cultural and economic sustainability that will benefit all Territorians.

INPEX is proud to support the development of this exciting cultural centre.

Yours sincerely

**Bill Townsend** 

Vice President Corporate