

Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Inquiry into the Review of Historical Regulations

I am writing in response to your invitation for the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment (DLPE) to make submissions for the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Inquiry into the Review of Historical Regulations (Inquiry).

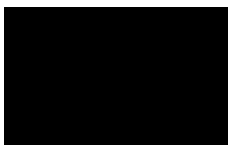
DLPE is responsible for 33 Acts and a further 22 pieces of subordinate legislation and regularly and actively reviews its legislation to ensure it is fit for purpose, evidenced by the reform program and amendments passed to legislation we are responsible for over the last five years.

DLPE has reviewed all subordinate legislation in the last 5 years resulting in either legislation being remade or identified for revocation where required. Specifically, with respect to historical regulations, DLPE recently replaced the Special Purposes Lease Regulations 1995 and the Valuation of Land Regulations 1981 in September 2025 and the Crowns Land (Commonage) Regulations 1946 and Land Acquisition Regulations 1979 are currently before the Legislative Assembly for revocation

Ensuring DLPE regularly reviews its legislation is a key factor in delivering a contemporary regulatory regime that supports the sustainable economic development of the Territory and is therefore undertaken as a business-as-usual process. Agencies should be encouraged to take an active role in reviewing their legislation on a regular basis through adopting a business-as-usual approach to ensure their legislation remains contemporary and fit for purpose.

Office of Parliamentary Counsel has always been accommodating in providing advice to DLPE on approaches to the remaking and revocation of regulations through its six-monthly scheduled meetings with me as the CEO, and I would expect that they would afford similar support to other agencies.

Yours sincerely



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