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Dear Ms Knight,

We refer to the Committee's current inquiry in relation to the *Interpretation Legislation Amendment Bill 2018*.

The Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission support the passage of this Bill, which in our view does not raise any concerns regarding the rights and liberties of Northern Territory residents. In particular, we note that the proposed amendments to the *Sentencing Act* will not effect a substantive change to the existing law, but will instead sensibly consolidate and clarify the current provisions, which are inconveniently and confusingly distributed between the *Interpretation Act* and the *Sentencing Act*.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to scrutiny of this item of legislation.

Yours faithfully,


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