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Dear Mrs Carlson

Thank you for the Legislative Scrutiny Committee's Report on the Heritage Amendment Bill 2026, published on 30 April 2026. I appreciate the Committee's consideration of the Bill and its recommendations.

As indicated during the second reading debate on 14 May 2026, the Northern Territory Government (NTG) intends to progress further amendments through a subsequent Bill to address matters arising from the Committee's Report and implementation of the *Heritage Amendment Act 2026*.

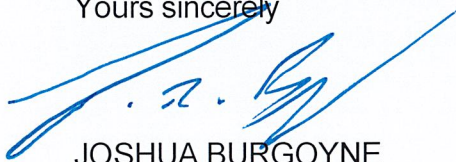
With respect to Recommendation 2, the NTG accepts this recommendation and will progress this amendment through an Omnibus Bill later this year. The amendment will make clear that 28 days is the minimum consultation period.

With respect to Recommendation 3, the NTG has considered the recommendation that the Minister's delegation power be limited to a "suitably qualified and experienced person". Having regard to advice from the Office of the Parliamentary Counsel, the NTG does not propose to implement this recommendation legislatively. The advice received is that this type of limitation is not typically included for delegation powers and creates additional legal risks.

I have asked the Department of Lands, Planning and Environment to ensure appropriate policies and guidelines are in place to ensure delegations are consistent with the intent of Recommendation 3.

I trust this response satisfies the requirements for the NTG to advise on its proposed action.

Yours sincerely



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