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Re: Territory Coordinator role concerns and Kahlin Compound Project Support.

As a local well known family and descendants of Kahlin compound we appreciate the opportunity to contribute to the discussions.

Having attended and followed the progress of the Kahlin project for some time we have felt the committee's dedication and passion to have this important part of the Territory's history recognised and enshrined on the land the Kahlin compound was established. As a family we feel its important for visitors to have access to and have an awareness of the significance of the site, to raise awareness of the history of Kahlin compound. Also, importantly to the members of our families not yet borne. We want our great grandchildren and all of our children to come and be able to visit a place and be told this is about your grandmother and grandfather and what happened to them.

We understand the Territory Coordinator's role has a priority to development economic outcomes for the Northern Territory.

It is for this reason we express our concerns over the implications and risks to the Kahlin Project as we feel the Territory Coordinator's role is to align with priorities of preserving the powers and responsibilities of the Heritage Act. We feel as a family it is important to maintain and increase Cultural Heritage of significant sites in the Territory in order to showcase the resilience and strengths of our families of which we have contributed significantly to the Territory's economic growth over many generations.

The Kahlin families and all the families of the five institutions across the NT which make up the Stolen Generations, have made a significant contribution to the life of the NT. The NT is our home and has been since time immemorial. We have greatly added to the economic development of the NT, the cultural life of the Territory, we are known nationally for our sporting prowess and the young men and women of the Territory who have been selected to play in the premier leagues, we even have an Olympian all have contributed to the pride of the nation, we are academics, we are film makers and actors, we are dancers, our music both contemporary and traditionally is recognised nationally and internationally, we are breaking into the fashion industry, our textiles are featured and recognised in furnishings clothing and in many places nationally and internationally.

We in the NT are also recognised nationally for the work we have done over many generations in bringing matters to the attention of the Federal governments for more Commonwealth funding coming into the NT especially allocated for the services all of our communities need. We have influenced and changed national agendas, programs and policies to fit better with our needs. Many Kahlin families are well known names in all of the above endeavours and more.

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All the families from the 5 institutions across the Territory have made significant contributions to the NT.

We as a family overwhelmingly support the work of the Kahlin Project and continue to advocate for continued support from the NT Government.

With respect, the family of Molly Anderson which now includes many generations.