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STATEMENT OF INTENT BETWEEN MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND REGIONS & LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Northern Territory Government, as part of its commitment to give communities a greater voice in local government, will pursue opportunities to expand the role of the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT).

Such an expanded role should involve the transferring of functions, resources and responsibility to LGANT to enable the Local Government sector to self-manage their functions. This will give Local Government an enhanced role in relation to building capacity, supporting councils and encouraging continual improvement and development of councils.

To this end, the Government will negotiate with LGANT to identify functions and appropriate funding that could be transferred to LGANT through a service delivery agreement.

The Local Government Association of the Northern Territory welcomes the Government's intention to transfer some of the functions currently performed by the Department of Local Government and Regions to LGANT and stands ready to enter into negotiations regarding those functions and transfer arrangements.

HON DAVID TOLLNER MLA Minister for Local Government and Regions

Date: 3.4.14

DAMIEN RYAN Chairman, Local Government Association of the **Northern Territory**

3.4.14 Date: