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To whom it may concern

Public consultation on the draft report: HFE Inquiry

On behalf of the Northern Territory Opposition I write to you seeking clarification as to why the Northern Territory was not included in the 'Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation (HFE)- Draft Report' public consultation program.

The Northern Territory is a prime example of a resource based, project driven regional economy. Not only this, but as is mentioned in the draft report of the HFE Inquiry the Northern Territory has more to lose out of GST distribution reform than any other State or Territory.

Darwin is the capital of Northern Australia and the gateway to Asia. It is hard to find a more important location to have engagement and consultation than in Darwin. I note from the draft report that there is scant mention of the Northern Territory.

I hope you seek to ameliorate these issues in an expeditious manner. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Gary Higgins
Leader of the Opposition

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