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**ATTENTION: Ernie Chin** 

RE:

ISSUE OF AUTHORITY CERTIFICATE FOR PROPOSED REZONING PART

LOT 5182 AND PART LOT 8630 (DICK WARD DRIVE)

Signed

I refer to your application for Authority Certificate received on the 8th July 2013 for the above location.

Accordingly, under the powers delegated to me under Section 19 of the Northern Territory Aboriginal Sacred Sites Act 1989 I am pleased to issue the attached Authority Certificate.

Please read carefully the conditions outlined in the Certificate. In particular, you should note that it has been issued for an indefinite period of time, providing that the works covered by the Certificate start within the period stipulated in condition 3.

During consultations reference was made by Aboriginal custodians to Aboriginal burial sites located throughout almost all of the subject land for the attached Certificate. There is also a large volume of archival material which supports this proposition. The locations of known burials are marked by a blue shaded area and crosses on the attached map, and the locations described in an appendix to the Authority Certificate. While we have marked the area where the most substantial evidence supports the existence of burials, there is a strong likelihood that burials extend beyond the area marked. Under the Northern Territory Heritage Act it is an offence to exhume the remains of a deceased Aboriginal person without authorization under that Act. Penalties exist for the disturbance of any remains. In addition, in the event that any skeletal remains are unearthed it is your responsibility in law to stop works and report immediately such disturbance to the NT Police, and to the Director Heritage Branch, Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment, if you have reason to believe the remains are those of a traditional Aboriginal burial. The Aboriginal Areas Protection Authority urges you to consult with the Heritage Branch, Department of Lands, Planning and the Environment; PRIOR to commencing any works to ensure you are aware of your legal obligations and the penalties you may be subject to should any remains be disturbed.

You should also note that the Authority has issued you with two identical copies of digitised maps attached. One copy should be retained with your original Certificate. The second is supplied for use by contractors to avoid unnecessary photocopying of a colour coded document.

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Please note that the cost of this Authority Certificate has been waived in part and will be \$60 exclusive of GST. An application fee of 57 revenue units (\$60) will also apply. An invoice will be issued to you by the Department of Corporate and Information Services. The terms and conditions of the invoice will require you to make payment within 30 days of receipt.

If you have any further queries regarding this Authority Certificate please contact Jackie Gould on 8999 4343.

Yours faithfully

DR. BEN SCAMBARY Chief Executive Officer

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