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Mr Ken Clarke
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Dear Mr Clarke *Ken*,

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 February 2017, responding to my request for consideration and advice on whether, in the Board's opinion, issuing a Direction under section 8(4)(c) of the *Government Owned Corporations Act* that the Power and Water Corporation (PWC) comply with the Northern Territory Government's 'Strengthened Buy Local' reforms would not be in the best interests of PWC or its subsidiaries.

As shareholding Minister, to further support the industry development and jobs growth objectives of Government, I formally direct, under section 8(4)(c) of the Act, that PWC comply with the Northern Territory Government's 'Strengthened Buy Local' reforms, noting that the requirements of sections 8(5)(a) and 8(5)(b) of the Act have been met.

This Direction will have many benefits to the Territory. However, in making this decision, I acknowledge your feedback on the costs. In particular that PWC has been unable to estimate the size of any increased costs to PWC due to the Direction. As such, I request that PWC closely monitor the ongoing implementation of this Direction and report back to me as necessary.

I request that PWC review and update its Procurement Policy to include the key actions and initiatives within Government's 'Strengthened Buy Local' reforms, and submit it to me for approval, in accordance with section 36(3) of the Act, by Friday 28 April 2017.

Yours sincerely

NICOLE MANISON

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