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Dear Mr O'Brien *Justin*

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Gundjeihmi Aboriginal Corporation (GAC) of 16 November 2016 requesting a meeting to discuss important issues relating to the future arrangements for the Township of Jabiru.

I note that the former Northern Territory Minister for Lands and Planning advised the Commonwealth Minister for Indigenous Affairs, Senator the Hon Nigel Scullion, and the Northern Land Council in December 2015 that the Northern Territory Government was withdrawing from negotiations about the future tenure options for the Township of Jabiru.

I am pleased to confirm that my Government has reconsidered this position and will formally re-engage with the Commonwealth and other key stakeholders. I have recently written to the Commonwealth and the Northern Land Council confirming that change of position.

The Northern Territory Government looks forward to working in collaboration on this with GAC and other key stakeholders to discuss, amongst others, the important issues identified in your correspondence.

I understand that representatives of GAC have recently met with my office and that officials from Northern Territory government departments have participated in a recent planning meeting held in Jabiru. I would encourage these discussions to continue and welcome you making arrangements to meet with my Chief of Staff, Alf Leonardi and other senior Northern Territory Government representatives to discuss the particular issues identified regarding the future of Jabiru. My office can be contacted on 8936 5500 to arrange a time and date.

I would also welcome the opportunity to meet with the Chair and other executive members of the GAC at an appropriate time and that can also be arranged through my Chief of Staff, Mr Leonardi.

Yours sincerely

Michael Gunner
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7/12/16

