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Ms Donna Jackson  
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Dear Ms Jackson

**REVIEW NOTICE UNDER THE *HERITAGE ACT***

I refer to your nomination for the Kulaluk Lease Area to be assessed for declaration as a heritage place under the *Heritage Act*.

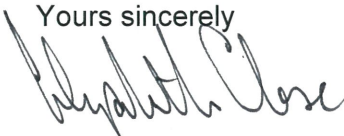
On 21 October 2014, you were advised that the Heritage Council had decided that the Kulaluk Lease Area was not of heritage significance. You applied to have that decision reviewed. On 30 December 2014, the Lands Planning and Mining Tribunal set aside the decision of the Heritage Council and referred the matter back to the Council for reconsideration.

On 21 August 2015, after having considered further information including a report by Dr David Ritchie, the Council reconsidered its decision. I am writing, in accordance with section 25(3) of the *Heritage Act*, to advise you that the Heritage Council has reaffirmed its decision that the place is not of heritage significance.

The *Heritage Act* requires that I provide you with a review notice in relation to this matter, which is attached to this letter.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Michael Wells, Director Heritage Branch, Department of Lands Planning and the Environment. Mr Wells may be contacted on 8999 5036 or at [michael.wells@nt.gov.au](mailto:michael.wells@nt.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Ms Elizabeth Close  
A/Chairman  
8 September 2015

## REVIEW NOTICE

This review notice is provided in accordance with section 25(3) of the *Heritage Act*.

### THE DECISION

That the Kulaluk Lease Area is not of heritage significance.

### STATEMENT OF REASONS

Although:

- the Kulaluk Lease Area symbolises the first land grant made to the Larrakia people, in acknowledgement of their longstanding traditional ownership and occupation of land and seas in the Darwin region; and
- this grant was the first land title granted to an Aboriginal group in an urban environment in Australia; and
- the Lease Area has a special association with the Larrakia people; and
- the site is associated with Bobby Secretary and other Larrakia elders who were at the centre of the struggle for Aboriginal land rights in the Northern Territory in the 1970s;

the Heritage Council has concluded that the Kulaluk Lease Area does not meet the threshold of significance required to warrant proceeding further with the process, and that therefore in terms of section 25 of the *Heritage Act*, it is 'not significant'.

### NOTICE OF RIGHT OF REVIEW

You have a right to have this decision reviewed by the Northern Territory Civil and Administrative Tribunal. Contact details are as follows:

Phone: 1800 604 622

The Met Building  
CASCOM Building 5, Casuarina Village  
Level 1, 13-17 Scaturchio Street  
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