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Ms Danielle Wood
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Via email: housing.supply@pc.gov.au

Dear Ms Wood and Ms Roberts,

Re: Submission to Housing Supply Regulation Inquiry

I appreciate your invitation dated 30 July 2026 to contribute to the Productivity Commission's inquiry into housing supply regulation.

The Northern Territory Department of Lands, Planning and Environment welcomes the Commission's focus on identifying practical reforms that increase housing supply and affordability. Having reviewed the Interim Report, I believe there is close alignment between the Commission's draft best practice principles and the recent reforms implemented by the Northern Territory.

Our reform agenda is aimed at integrating land use planning, infrastructure and development into one centralised system to achieve housing and land supply outcomes.

The Department undertakes strategic land use planning, development assessment, housing-enabling infrastructure planning and the land development process. Our leadership enables a high degree of coordination between housing supply, infrastructure investment and land release, with a focus on delivering housing outcomes.

Please find **enclosed** a submission which responds directly to the Productivity Commission's Information Request and demonstrates how the Territory's reforms align with the Commission's best practice principles.

I trust that the submission assists the Commission in its work. Should you require further assistance, please contact Mr Douglas Lesh, Senior Executive Director Planning and Development on phone [Redacted] and email [Redacted]

Joanne Townsend
Chief Executive Officer
8 September 2026