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Dear Ms Dunstone

Inquiry into the Native Title Legislation Amendment Bill 2019

Thank you for your correspondence received 22 May 2020 containing direct links to information about the above inquiry and the bill itself.

Your correspondence also offered an opening for Central Desert Native Title Services (Central Desert) to respond to the views expressed in a public hearing in Kalgoorlie on 11 March 2020 by Ms Maria Meredith, Mr Dion Meredith and Councillor Linden Brownley.

Central Desert very much appreciates the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Legislation Committee's (the committee) offer to respond to the comments. Central Desert has read the transcripts of the hearing held in Kalgoorlie; we note that it reflects a wide range of views on native title held across the Goldfields region.

Central Desert respects that there will often be strongly divergent views held in relation to native title, in the circumstances we do not believe that a detailed response from Central Desert would serve any useful purpose at this time.

Once again, in closing, please convey our thanks to the committee for the opportunity to respond which they provided to us.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer