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### **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014**

The Centre for Appropriate Technology Limited has been able to establish a sustainable and permanent presence as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation providing technical services to remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities due to the impact of a purchase of land by the ILC in 2009.

As an organisation we are strongly in favour of further amendments that will strengthen the ability of the ILC to provide other individuals and organisations with the opportunity to build sustainable futures for themselves. The Centre for Appropriate Technology Ltd therefore supports the above Bill and its proposed amendments to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005.

CAT supports the following measures contained in the Bill that will:

- Strengthen and protect the Land Account for future generations so that others may enjoy the success we have had as a result of the Land Account
- Ensure the Land Account is used appropriately and only for land related purposes
- Provide for greater Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander input, involvement and opportunity
- Enforce high standards of corporate governance in the ILC
- Allow the Land Account to grow in real terms.

Along with others it is also our belief that enactment of the Bill will protect and strengthen the Land Account to fulfill its original purpose; to compensate those unable to benefit from the Native Title act. Our experience as an organisation is that the investment in the land we now occupy as a consequence of the ILC Land Account has provided the foundation for a thriving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation.

The Centre for Appropriate Technology Ltd encourages Senators and Members to support the passage of this Bill to ensure others into the future are able to gain the benefits we have from the Land Account.

Yours sincerely

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