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RE: GLENCORE'S PROPOSED CARBON CAPTURE AND STORAGE PROJECT

This brief submission is in response to the inquiry referred by the Senate into Glencore's proposed carbon capture and storage (CCS) project in the Great Artesian Basin.

Balkanu Cape York Development Corporation is a not-for-profit community development organisation owned and managed by Indigenous people of Cape York. Balkanu supports the Aboriginal people of Cape York through initiatives that provide opportunities for economic development, strengthening Indigenous traditional culture and knowledge, supporting Indigenous management of traditional lands and policy development.

Whilst Balkanu understands that the Glencore proposal is a long way from Cape York, the Great Artesian Basin underlies most of Cape York. Maintaining high quality water supplies is critical to the economic development, the environment and cultural values of Cape York. Balkanu would be very concerned if a similar proposal to that of Glencore was promoted on Cape York. We are therefore concerned that the Glencore proposal could set a precedent for similar activities that may impact on the Great Artesian Basin on Cape York.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this matter. If you have any questions please contact Mr Terry Piper on mobile

Regards

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