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## Dear Senator Seselja

I write in response to your letter of 30 July 2014, to the Premier of New South Wales, the Hon Mike Baird MP, seeking the views of the NSW Government in relation to your inquiry into the *Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Amendment (A Stronger Land Account) Bill 2014.* The Premier has requested that I respond on his behalf.

Given that the Indigenous Land Corporation's funding purpose is to assist Indigenous people to acquire and manage land to achieve economic, environmental, social and cultural benefits, and provides compensation for those unable to satisfy the requirements of establishing native title, I would propose that any amendment to the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005* should preserve those purposes.

Thank you for providing the NSW Government with the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

**Victor Dominello MP** 

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