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Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia
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To Whom it May Concern

Re: Submission to Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia

Please find our attached submission for your consideration, which specifically addresses the final dot point of your Terms of Reference:

Identify the critical economic and social infrastructure needed to support the long term growth of the region, and ways to support planning and investment in that infrastructure.

Also attached is a copy of our Strategic Plan 2013-15, which we have also aligned this submission to.

In line with our discussions and advice received from Mr Bill Pender of your office, we have submitted two versions of our Submission – one is marked 'Confidential' as it contains sensitive information regarding educational and behavioural patterns of remote Indigenous students we would not wish to become public.

We welcome your feedback as well as the possibility to personally present this Submission in further detail should the opportunity arise.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me as I would be pleased to supply any additional information. We thank the Committee for the invitation to submit a proposal and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely



Dr Helen Spiers
Principal