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**Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander Policy**

Office of the
Director-General

Mr Owen Walsh
Committee Secretary
Senate Legal and Constitutional Committee
Department of the Senate
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Walsh

Re: Inquiry into the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005

Thank you for your letter of 9 September 2005 concerning the parliamentary inquiry into the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Bill 2005.

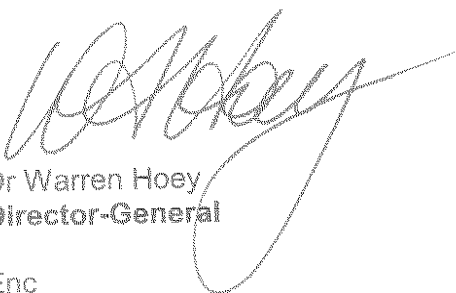
The issue of effective Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander governance is of significant interest to the Queensland Government. The recent launch of Partnerships Queensland: Future Directions Framework for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy in Queensland 2005-10 articulates our commitment to improving social, health and economic outcomes for Indigenous Queenslanders as a priority for the Queensland Government. I have enclosed a copy for the Committee's information.

Due to the time constraints it is not possible to analyse the Bill's impact on the Queensland Government's *Associations Incorporations Act 1981* and *Cooperatives Act 1997*, nor on its potential impact on specific issues of interest to Indigenous Queenslanders, for example, native title and economic development.

I would like to stress that the Queensland Government is committed to sustainable improvements in Indigenous governance and request that the Department of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Policy (DATSIP) be consulted as the proposed legislation progresses.

If you require any further information or assistance in relation to this matter, please contact Mr Tony Dreise, Executive Director, Strategic Policy and Partnerships Directorate, DATSIP on 3224 2518.

Yours sincerely



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