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Letter of Representation to the Minister

The Hon Joshua Burgoyne MLA
Minister for Corporate and Digital Development
Parliament House
DARWIN NT 0800

Dear Minister

In accordance with section 28 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993*, I am pleased to submit the Department of Corporate and Digital Development (DCDD) 2023-24 Annual Report setting out the activities and achievements of the department.

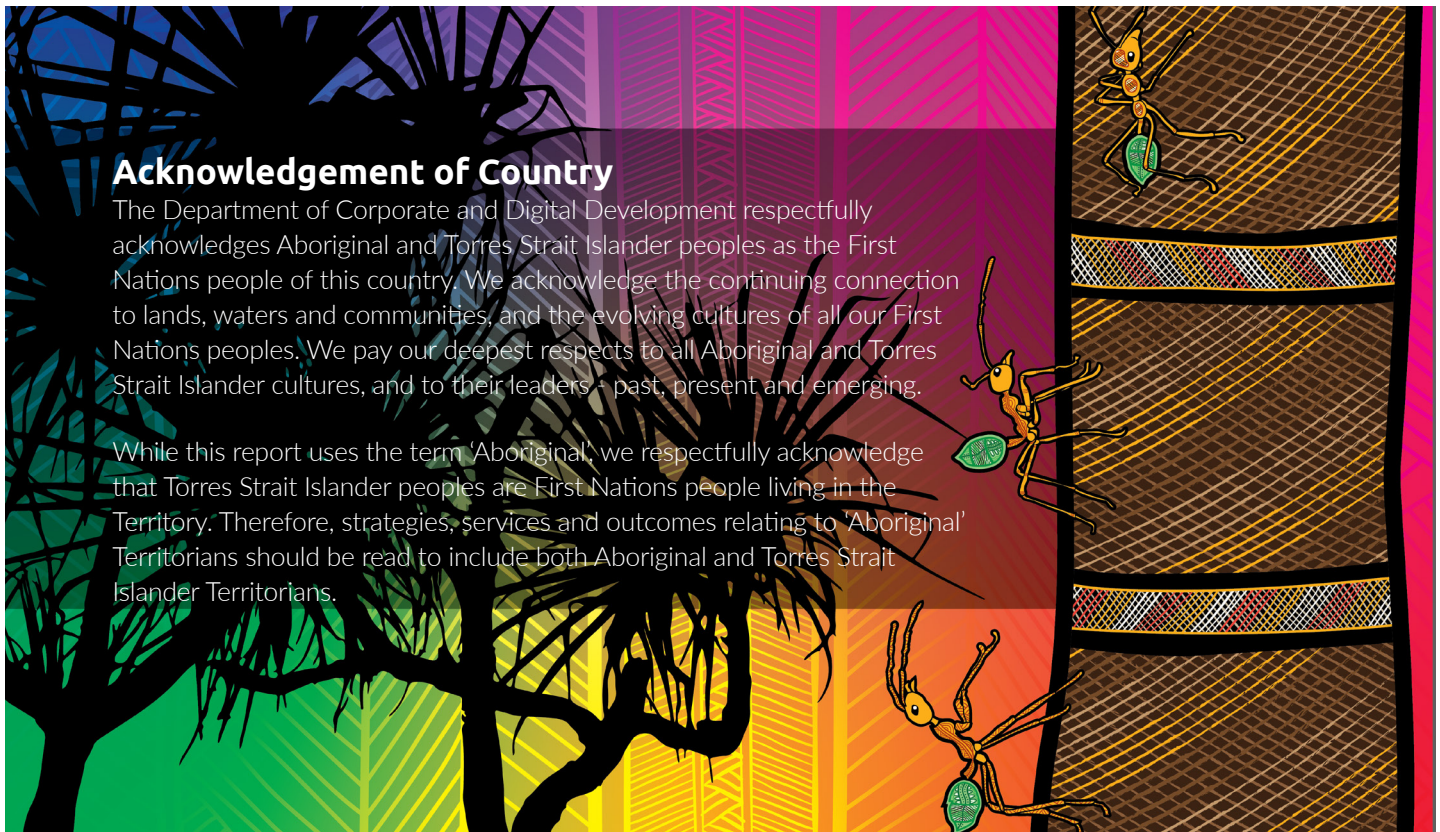
Pursuant to the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993*, the *Financial Management Act 1995* and the *Information Act 2002*, I advise that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- a. proper records of all transactions affecting DCDD are kept and employees under my control observe the provisions of the *Financial Management Act 1995*, the Financial Management Regulations and Treasurer's Directions
- b. procedures within DCDD afford proper internal control, a current description of such procedures are recorded in the accounting and property manual, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Financial Management Act 1995*
- c. no indication of fraud, malpractice, major breach of legislation or delegation, major error in, or omission from, the accounts and records exists
- d. in accordance with section 15 of the *Financial Management Act 1995*, the internal audit capacity available to DCDD is adequate, and the results of internal audits have been reported to me
- e. the Financial Statements included in the annual report have been prepared from proper accounts and records and are in accordance with the Treasurer's Directions
- f. Employment Instructions issued by the Commissioner for Public Employment have been satisfied
- g. DCDD is working in compliance with the archives and records management provisions as prescribed in Part 9 of the *Information Act 2002*.

Yours sincerely



Catherine Weber
Chief Executive
30 September 2024



Acknowledgement of Country

The Department of Corporate and Digital Development respectfully acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Nations people of this country. We acknowledge the continuing connection to lands, waters and communities, and the evolving cultures of all our First Nations peoples. We pay our deepest respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, and to their leaders - past, present and emerging.

While this report uses the term 'Aboriginal', we respectfully acknowledge that Torres Strait Islander peoples are First Nations people living in the Territory. Therefore, strategies, services and outcomes relating to 'Aboriginal' Territorians should be read to include both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Territorians.

Our Acknowledgement posters are displayed throughout our buildings. The artwork has been created by local artist Cian Mungati McCue, through Moogie Down Productions, a descendant of the Larrakia, Yanyuwa and Mulluk-mulluk people.

The artwork has been created using line art which is tied to the Top End nations Cian descends from, along with green ants and pandanus which are also synonymous with the Top End. The species of pandanus he has used is pandanus spiralis which is found only in Northern Australia. The reference image he took was at Binybara (Lee Point).

The Department of Corporate and Digital Development (DCDD) is committed to working with our employees to make our workplaces welcoming, respectful and culturally safe for Aboriginal and all employees.

Purpose of the report

The Department of Corporate and Digital Development 2023-24 Annual Report provides a record of the department's functions, performance and progress towards our strategic goals and priorities. The report also formally acknowledges the achievements of our people during the year.

The report is tabled by the Minister in the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly as DCDD's major accountability document. It includes financial statements for the department and its two government business divisions for the year ending 30 June 2024.

The report complies with annual reporting requirements in the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act 1993*, the *Financial Management Act 1995 (FMA)* and the *Information Act 2002*.

Related reporting

The DCDD includes two government business divisions (GBDs), NT Fleet and Data Centre Services, established under the FMA and determined by the Treasurer.

Under the FMA, financial statements must be prepared separately, based on commercial accounting principles, audited by the Auditor-General and released to the Minister for tabling in the Legislative Assembly. These financial statements, along with the department's financial statements, can be found in section 6 of this report.

In all other aspects, data in this report, such as staffing data, is inclusive of those GBDs, unless otherwise noted.

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