



CENTRAL LAND COUNCIL

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Central Land Council

27 Stuart Highway

Alice Springs NT 0870

Mr Grant Hehir

Auditor-General for Australia

Australian National Audit Office

Dear Mr Hehir

The Central Land Council (CLC) welcomes the opportunity to participate in this performance audit by the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO), and the opportunity to respond to the draft performance audit report provided on 17 April 2023. The CLC notes that this response is prepared in advance of the ANAO's finalisation of the report contents.

The Central Land Council was established by the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, and is guided by the strong governance of its council of 90 Aboriginal people elected by their communities to represent them. The CLC is committed to effectively fulfilling its statutory functions and has been representing, protecting and advocating for Aboriginal peoples' rights and interests since its establishment. The CLC is committed in principle and practice to accountability and transparency, and seeks to model this throughout its work and particularly for its Aboriginal constituents.

Overall, the CLC agrees with the ANAO's recommendations, with some clarifications on scope or implementation which are included in the CLC's response to the recommendations. The CLC has reported on actions already undertaken or planned in order to address the recommendations. In addition, the CLC has also actioned several suggested opportunities for improvement.

The CLC consider this a worthwhile exercise to support it in its continuous improvement in ensuring that its governance arrangements support it in the delivery of positive outcomes for Aboriginal people across our region.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Turner

Chief Executive Officer

Central Land Council