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Attention: Caroline Heske

Dear Caroline

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY ('LGANT') SUBMISSION ON THE INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER AGAINST CORRUPTION BILL 2017 ('THE BILL')

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Bill 2017*. LGANT is supportive of the content of the Bill particularly as it relates to:

- matters of conduct
- the tests for commencing investigations
- the protections for agencies in respect of misleading statements
- the requirement for the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) to undertake education programs.

Following enactment of the Bill, LGANT will be seeking assistance from ICAC on the last point above unless the Department of the Attorney General and Justice sees benefit in having further briefing sessions with local governments beforehand.

LGANT looks forward to continued dialogue and engagement with the Department on this matter and thanks you sincerely for your willingness to attend the LGANT Executive meeting today and address members on aspects of the Bill.

Yours sincerely

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**Chief Executive Officer**