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Committee Secretary
Economics and Governance Committee
Parliament House George Street
Brisbane Qld 4000
By email: egc@parliament.qld.gov.au

Dear Committee Secretary

The Cape York Land Council (CYLC) is the Native Title Representative Body (NTRB) for the Cape York region. In our NTRB role we fulfil statutory functions under the *Native Title Act 1993* (Cth). In our broader Land Council role we support, protect and promote Cape York Aboriginal peoples' interests by supporting objectives that positively affect their social, economic, cultural and environmental circumstances. In this capacity CYLC welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Revenue and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

CYLC supports objectives of the Bill, and amendments to legislation proposed by the Bill, that:

- capture and prohibit substances (such as turbo yeast) that can be used to make homemade alcohol in Cape York communities; and
- reinstate the 'last claim standing' provision as previously understood by decision-makers under the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2003* prior to the Supreme Court handing down its ruling on *Nuga Nuga Aboriginal Corporation v Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships* [2017] QSC 321, and validate decisions made and actions taken, and transition actions taken where processes had already commenced under the Act.

If you wish to discuss any matters raised in this submission please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richie Ah Mat', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Richie Ah Mat
Chair
Cape York Land Council