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Committee Secretary  
State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee  
Parliament House  
George St Brisbane 4000

By email: [SDNRAIDC@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:SDNRAIDC@parliament.qld.gov.au)

**Re: Land, Explosives and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018**

Dear State Development, Natural Resources and Agricultural Industry Development Committee

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 in land and sea to positively affect their social, economic, cultural and environmental circumstances. In this capacity CYLC welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Land, Explosives and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 (the Bill).

CYLC has been a long term advocate for amendment of the *Aboriginal Land Act 1991* (Qld) (ALA) as proposed in the Bill, so proposed amendments of the ALA to:

- provide the option of granting land to a Registered Native Title Body Corporate (RNTBC) outside of its determined native title area; and
  - allow the setting by agreement of sale prices for social housing on Indigenous land;
- are strongly supported.

CYLC also supports the proposed amendments to the *Cape York Peninsula Heritage Act 2007* (Qld) to protect the cultural and natural values of the Shelburne and Bromley properties on Cape York Peninsula.

CYLC also supports other outcomes from the Bill which provide for greater flexibility in identifying the most appropriate RNTBC to hold interests in land.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Callaghan'.

Peter Callaghan  
Chief Executive Officer  
Cape York Land Council