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The Commissioners  
Productivity Commission  
Review of the National Agreement on Closing the Gap  
submission via website

Dear Commissioners

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Commission's Draft Report.

As I explain in my submission, I worked for many decades in various government and non-government organisations in the Northern Territory, primarily dealing with local governance in remote communities. Although I have taken a different career path in the last 20 years, my previous experiences mirror many comments made in your Draft Report. This makes me feel that little has changed in the intervening two decades, disappointingly, but also that some practices are deeply entrenched within the public service system and, thus, will be difficult to overcome.

I look forward with hope that the Commission's Final Report and recommendations will have a tangible impact in all efforts to 'close the gap'.

Yours sincerely

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