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The Hon Rob Knight MLA

Minister for Housing
Minister for Local Government
Minister for Essential Services
Minister for Public Employment
Parliament House
DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Minister

In accordance with the provisions of Section 28 of the *Public Sector Employment and Management Act*, I am pleased to submit the annual report on the activities and achievements of Territory Housing and the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport for the year ending 30 June 2008.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the system of internal control provides assurance that:

- (a) Proper records of all transactions by Territory Housing and the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport are maintained and all employees observe the provisions of the *Financial Management Act*, the Financial Management Regulations and Treasurer's Directions;
- (b) Procedures within Territory Housing and the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport afford proper internal control and a current description of such procedures is recorded in the accounting and property manual, which has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *Financial Management Act*;
- (c) There is no indication of fraud, malpractice, major breach of legislation or delegation, major error in nor omission from the accounts and records;
- (d) Financial statements included in the annual report have been prepared from proper accounts and records and are in accordance with the Treasurer's Directions; and
- (e) All employment instructions issued by the Commissioner for Public Employment have been satisfied.

Section 15 of the *Financial Management Act* requires an adequate internal audit capacity. This was only available to me for part of the financial year.

Territory Housing and the Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport have made a conscious effort to meet the spirit as well as the letter of relevant laws and regulations. The aim is to align activities with Government policy and to provide the best possible service to the Northern Territory community.

Yours sincerely



David Ritchie

Chief Executive

30 October 2008

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