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Cherelle
Dear Ms Wurrawilya

Thank you for your letter of 16 October 2024 advising Anindilyakwa Land Council (ALC) Chief Executive Officer Mr Mark Hewitt has been terminated by the ALC Board. I appreciate the update on significant issues at the ALC, including the advice that officers from the National Anti-Corruption Commission have attended the ALC's Alyangula office investigate a complaint.

I am pleased the new ALC Board has provided direction to implement the Australian National Audit Office and Bellchambers Barrett review recommendations as a priority. I also note your advice you are working with the National Indigenous Australians Agency to progress a governance framework. Strong governance arrangements for Land Councils is a priority to ensure accountability to Aboriginal people in the ALC region.

The contact officer for this matter is Rachel Kerrigan, Land and Native Title Branch Manager, who may be contacted on s 22 [redacted] or by email Rachel.Kerrigan@niaa.gov.au.

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