30th September 2026

Dear Review Panel,

Victoria Daly Regional Council submits the following matter for consideration as part of the 2026 Local Government Representation Review.

Council requests that the Local Government Representation Committee review the current boundary arrangements associated with the Lajamanu Waste Management Facility.

The Lajamanu Waste Management Facility is located within the Victoria Daly Regional Council local government area; however, the facility predominantly services the Lajamanu community and is operated and maintained by Central Desert Regional Council. Council considers that this arrangement creates a disconnect between local government boundaries and the practical service delivery arrangements that exist on the ground.

Council has previously raised concerns regarding the alignment of the facility with local government boundaries and notes that correspondence from the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Community Development acknowledged that the current arrangement does not align with service delivery responsibilities.

Council has undertaken preliminary consultation regarding this matter and has written to Central Desert Regional Council, the Central Land Council and the lessees of Wave Hill Station seeking feedback on the current boundary arrangements and the potential implications of any future boundary amendment.

In considering this matter, Council requests that the Committee examine the merits of:

1. Excluding the Lajamanu Waste Management Facility from the Victoria Daly Regional Council boundary; and/or
2. Expanding the Victoria Daly Regional Council boundary to include the community of Lajamanu.

Council acknowledges that any future boundary amendment would require further consultation with affected stakeholders and communities.

Council seeks consideration of whether the current arrangements remain appropriate and whether an alternative boundary configuration would provide greater alignment between governance, service delivery responsibilities and community representation.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.

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