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Mary Watson, Chair
NT Local Government Representation Review
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Dear Local Government Representation Committee,

Submission – 2026 Local Government Representation Review

Tiwi Islands Regional Council has considered the current representation arrangements as part of the 2026 Local Government Representation Review.

Council's position is that no changes are required to the current representation arrangements for the Tiwi Islands Regional Council.

The existing ward structure reflects the distinct communities across the Tiwi Islands and provides an appropriate level of local representation.

The geographic separation of communities, travel requirements and remote operating environment are important considerations and support retaining the current structure.

While enrolment numbers may vary between wards, Council considers that representation in a remote local government area should not be determined by population alone. Maintaining identifiable communities within their existing wards supports local knowledge, community connection and effective representation.

The current arrangements are established and understood by communities, and Council has not identified any change to ward boundaries, ward names, elected member numbers or the Council boundary that would provide a clear improvement to representation.

Accordingly, Tiwi Islands Regional Council supports retaining the existing representation arrangements with no changes proposed.

Sincerely,

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Heidi Dorn

Chief Executive Officer
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