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Dear Ms Dysart,

Letter of Agreement – Transfer of ownership of NT boreholes

Endorsement of this letter formalises the transfer of ownership of the boreholes listed in Attachment A from Geoscience Australia (GA) to the Northern Territory Department of Environment, Parks and Water Security (DEPWS). This transfer covers all aspects of ownership, including but not limited to, maintenance, installed equipment, land access and any future decommissioning of the boreholes, according to appropriate NT regulations. In addition, GA and DEPWS agree, in principle, to negotiate a Collaborative Agreement to support any ongoing collaborative work between GA and DEPWS in relation to the bores. Such an agreement will outline the conditions of access to GA.

As part of two collaborative projects between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Northern Territory government from August 2016 to June 2020, 34 new monitoring boreholes were drilled in the Northern Territory; 19 in the Keep River area, and 15 in the Southern Stuart Corridor Project area. The project agreements (PA001860 and PA003281) did not specify ownership of the boreholes upon completion of the projects. This Letter of Agreement confirms the transfer of ongoing ownership of the boreholes listed in Attachment A to DEPWS.

Drilling was undertaken as part of the Ord Stage 3 – Keep River (NT): Groundwater Investigation, Groundwater Salinity Hazard and Soil Suitability Assessment (PA001860: 2016-2019) and Southern Stuart Corridor–Exploring for the Future (PA003281: 2018-2020) projects. The projects were designed to improve the understanding of regional groundwater systems and processes to inform decisions relating to future development for agricultural expansion and community water supply across the two regions. The boreholes were established as new groundwater monitoring sites that have utility beyond the conclusion of these projects and are suitable for handover to the NT Government.

Dr Andrew Heap

Chief of Division

Mineral, Energy and Groundwater Division

Geoscience Australia

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ATTACHMENT A – LIST OF BOREHOLES

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635728	KR08	RN040873	NT	520144.8	8306294	PA001860
635729	KR21a	RN040879	NT	523301.5	8314854	PA001860
635921	KR21b	RN040781	NT	523321.5	8314869	PA001860
635730	KR22	RN040880	NT	523640	8316422	PA001860
635732	KR23	RN040782	NT	522411.7	8301369	PA001860
635733	KR30	RN040874	NT	501830.6	8295403	PA001860
635734	KR31	RN040877	NT	504915.9	8292361	PA001860
635735	KR33	RN040878	NT	505309.4	8293857	PA001860
635736	KR36	RN040783	NT	509392.8	8307934	PA001860
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635739	KR45	RN040881	NT	500052	8295681	PA001860
635740	KR46	RN040882	NT	500053.1	8296644	PA001860
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635745	KR51a	RN040871	NT	542732.9	8331311	PA001860
635746	KR51b	RN040870	NT	542730.5	8331304	PA001860
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636117	SSC18-39	RN019453	NT	404996	7696734	PA003281
636119	SSC18-17A	RN019452	NT	394509.5	7690512.3	PA003281
636220	SSC18-62	RN019457	NT	401240.1	7690211.1	PA003281
636303	SSC18-23	RN019455	NT	388426	7681837.3	PA003281
636122	SSC18-35	RN019451	NT	405793	7680890	PA003281

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641105	SSC18-52	RN019679	NT	448360	7648436	PA003281
641107	SSC18-53	RN019681	NT	445215	7642267	PA003281
641106	SSC18-54	RN019680	NT	451844	7642240	PA003281
636124	SSC18-03	RN019449	NT	388655.7	7498014.6	PA003281
636300	SSC18-40	RN019674	NT	383684	7363570	PA003281
641104	SSC18-09A	RN019675	NT	391185.7	7362747.7	PA003281
636120	SSC18-41	RN019676	NT	412568.3	7360836.3	PA003281

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