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Representation Review Committee  
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### **Submission to Local Government Representation Reviews**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission for the Local Government Representation Reviews to continue to provide the best community representation at the local government level in the Northern Territory.

Litchfield Council acknowledge that the Local Government Representation Committee has identified no identified areas of focus for Litchfield Council within the 2022 representation reviews.

Litchfield Council would like to use this opportunity to raise known concerns with suggestions proposing that the Holtze and Kowandi residential development areas are considered to be a future part of the City of Palmerston. Council reiterates that under the existing electoral boundaries Holtze and Kowandi are located within the Litchfield Municipality.

There has been ongoing communication regarding these matters between Litchfield Council and the Northern Territory Government, attached for your information is a letter to the Chief Minister dated 21 May 2021.

Council will continue to advocate to the Northern Territory Government and Australian Government on behalf of the Litchfield community and of particular focus in 2022-2023 is the proposed Development of Holtze and Kowandi and is evidenced in the current Draft Municipal Plan for 2022/23, (page 12).

Council supports the Government's approach to developing sustainable new residential areas outside the more densely populated suburbs of Darwin and Palmerston and is excited about the opportunities such development presents. These areas, currently part of Litchfield Municipality would support population and industry growth for Litchfield. Council will be working with all relevant authorities to keep this area Litchfield and request that this matter be considered during the Local Government Representation Reviews.

Kind regards,

Doug Barden  
**Mayor**

Arun Dias  
**Interim Chief Executive Officer**

### **Attachments:**

Attachment A - Letter to the Chief Minister dated 21 May 2021

Attachment B - Draft Municipal Plan for 2022/23