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Hon Shane Stone MLA 8 Zealandia Crescent LARRAKEYAH NT 0820

Jear Shane

Congratulations on your election as parliamentary leader of the Country Liberal Party and your appointment as Chief Minister of the Northern Territory.

I'm not aware of a former President of a political party ever becoming a State leader. So that's one for the record books!

Your reported commitment to Statehood by 2001, a reassessment of the Government's approach to Aboriginal affairs and a continued focus on developing trade with Asia, will be applauded.

I also noted with interest that one of your personal campaigns will be to encourage more Australians to think of the north as a place to live. It has always been Marian and my wish to return to the Northern Territory once we had finished our post graduate studies and gained some further corporate experience under our belts. It goes without saying that we are two Australians who need little bidding to make the north our home.

Once again, congratulations from both of us. If you know of any opportunities which might be of interest to someone with my qualifications and experience I would be interested to know.

Best wishes to Josephine, Jack and yourself.

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JOHN HARE