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Mr. Shane Stone
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Dear Shane,

Your letter of 7 Feb 1999 arrived just as I was about to write and thank you for all that you have done for the Northern Territory and CRC, especially your unflagging efforts to promote trade with our neighboring countries.

I particularly recall with much appreciation your enthusiasm and assistance in promoting trade with Papua New Guinea and your support of the NT/PNG Trade Development Association. Those were challenging and fruitful years.

Unfortunately no one had either the energy or the imagination to take up the baton, when you became Chief Minister and relinquished your position as Minister responsible for DARTI and this, coupled with the political turmoil's in PNG, unfortunately led me to close that chapter of CRC's development.

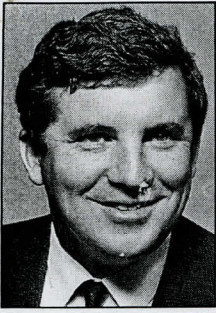
I must also thank you for your support in respect of my appointment as Commissioner for Oaths, in which capacity I have been able to assist many people within the TDZ.

Then, there was also the milestone occasion - 1 July, 1995 - when I became a proud Citizen of Australia (should read,...proud citizen of the Northern Territory!) and you did the honours at Parliament House.

I am glad you and Josephine have no intention of leaving Darwin as I'm sure there is much both of you can do to contribute to the N.T., as we move into the challenging new millennium.



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Dear Richard

Thank you for your letter of February 10. I apologise for not responding earlier but I have been endeavouring to deal with an avalanche of mail that has been written in a very personal way following on from my resignation as Chief Minister.

I am determined to respond in an equally personal way to the thousands of Territorians who have taken the time to write to me.

I apologise to Betty for not being able to visit StarSeed Sanctuary on March 6. No discourtesy intended, but I had simply not reached your correspondence until this week.

I was always very pleased to support you in your endeavours and congratulate you on some of the important milestones that you achieved in your engagement with the Asia Pacific Region. You were instrumental in my introduction into Papua New Guinea and I have always been most grateful for that.

Betty has always been very challenging and whilst we haven't always agreed on all matters, I was always struck by her real commitment to a better world and community.

Josephine and I are firmly committed to remaining in the Northern Territory as both Jack and Madeleine were born in Darwin and we both feel an ongoing responsibility to repay something to the community. In any event, we simply like living in Darwin.

You have probably read in the media of my interest in the federal presidency of the Liberal Party. Although this has been disparaged by some from the CLP, I am at a loss to understand why. One would have thought that being the Federal President of the governing party in Australia would have been in the Territory's interests.

That to one side, I encourage support for Denis Burke and his new team and I look forward to seeing out my term as the CLP Member for Port Darwin.

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Thank you again for taking the time to write to me. In the event that I can ever be of any assistance, albeit in a small way, you should not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



Shane L. Stone