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Dear Shane

I write as a rank and file Territorian to express my congratulations on your distinguished term as Chief Minister.

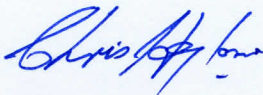
Your time has been one of great zest, authority and clear direction and you have raised the spirits and confidence of the whole community.

You will be remembered as having the candour of Keating, the wit of Whitlam and the courage of Kennett.

When our political stage is so intoxicated by mediocrity I hope your formidable talents will later benefit the broader community.

Thank you for your leadership and good luck for the future.

Yours faithfully



Chris Hyland
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Dear Chris

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 11 February, 1999 following on from my resignation as Chief Minister. I greatly appreciated the sentiments that you set out in your correspondence.

I apologise for not responding earlier but I have been attempting to deal with an avalanche of mail that has been written in a very personal way and I am determined to respond in an equally personal fashion.

One has their highs and their lows in politics, their rewards and disappointments. For me the failure of the Statehood referendum was a great disappointment, however, I left behind a thriving economy and policies that, if adhered to, will ensure that the Territory continues to grow and prosper in the time ahead.

I look back on my time as a Minister and Chief Minister with a sense of satisfaction. I never pretended to be perfect but what you saw was what you got. I am a great believer that you need to be fearless in your approach to public policy and to drive the economy with a hands on approach if you are to demonstrate real leadership.

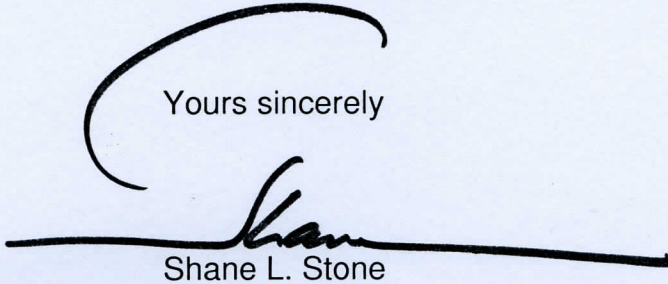
Josephine and I will be staying in Darwin. The Territory is our home and where both our children were born.

You may have read in the media that there has been some speculation that I will go on to become the Federal President of the Liberal Party. Whilst there are some in the Northern Territory who are disparaging of that development, I would have thought it very much in the interests of the Northern Territory in the final analysis. In any event, only time will tell whether that comes to pass or whether my efforts are further scuttled by elements in my own backyard.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time as the Chief Minister of the Northern Territory. It was a privilege to have served Territorians and to have worked closely with people such as yourself during an exciting stage of our development.

In the event that I can ever be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Shane L. Stone