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cc: Michael McCallum/Chiefmin/EXEC_SERVICES@EXEC_SERVICES
Subject: Well done!

Dear Shane,

I clearly remember your address to the Darwin Branch and Central Council after the Federal election.

"This is as good as it gets" was what you said, and we all thought you were right. It seemed impossible for the CLP to achieve greater strength.

I know what a large hurdle this, your first election as leader, must have been - particularly following the outstanding result achieved under Marshall Perron in 1994 and the disappointment of the Fannie Bay by-election.

Throughout the campaign you conducted yourself with dignity and conviction and handled the media in a masterly fashion. May I say that you have developed a public persona which exudes not arrogance as the media would like to have it, but confidence and authority and above all veracity.

Shane, against all odds you've proven that you were wrong when you said "This is as good as it gets". It was beyond my wildest dreams that you could achieve a swing our way, but it has been achieved under your leadership.

My most sincere congratulations on an outstanding achievement.

Shirley McKerrow.