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15 February, 1999

Hon Shane Stone  
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Dear Shane,

Thank you for your letter dated 7 February advising your decision to retire from the Chief Minister's position.

I was visiting Darwin last week when your resignation became effective and I had actually arranged to meet with you last Friday. However, events overtook me and our meeting was cancelled.

I am sorry that you found your decision necessary. I would like to thank you, both from a corporate and personal perspective, for your support during your tenure as Chief Minister. It is important for our company to enjoy a good rapport with government and you always ensured that this was the case.

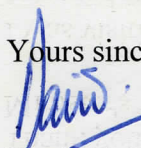
It is probably too early for you to have formulated specific plans for the future, but I hope that you will keep in touch from wherever you decide to reside and work. If there is anything that I can contribute or assist with to enable you to settle into a new career, please do not hesitate to contact me accordingly.

I have explained your circumstances to our Tokyo head office and I know that Frank Ishii joins with me in sending you our best wishes for the future and our thanks for your previous support. You can be assured of a very friendly reception from our head office any time you visit Tokyo both from Frank and other senior executives.

Good luck in your new career and best wishes to your family.

Kind regards,

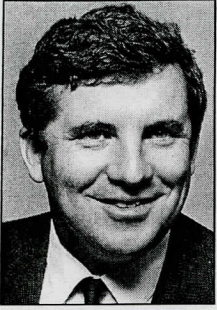
Yours sincerely



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4 May, 1999

Mr David Robinson  
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Dear David

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of February 15 following on from my retirement as Chief Minister. I apologise for not responding earlier but I have received an avalanche of mail written in very personal terms, which I believe demands an equally personal response.

I regret that we did not have an opportunity to meet but the timing of your visit to Darwin coincided with the announcement of my resignation.

I was always very pleased to be supportive of Marubeni Australia Ltd (and your parent company in Japan). You have demonstrated a real commitment to Northern Australia, not only in the Northern Territory but also in north-west Western Australia.

I am looking forward to ultimately rejoining the private sector and no doubt will have an opportunity to meet you again, in a different capacity.

I will be travelling to Japan on July 6 (departing July 12) for the purpose of meeting with representatives of the pearl industry. I have a relatively light program and will be accompanied by my wife and children.

Please pass on my warm wishes to your colleagues and, in particular, Frank Ishii. In the event that I can ever be of any assistance to you or Marubeni Australia Ltd, you should not hesitate to contact me.

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Thank you for your support and encouragement during my time as Minister and Chief Minister of the Northern Territory.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane', with a large, stylized initial 'S' at the beginning.

Shane L. Stone