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16th February 1999

Shane Stone MLA
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Dear Shane

The NT Chamber of Commerce and Industry would like to recognise your dedication and hard work in your term as Chief Minister for the Northern Territory. It was a very positive leadership as you worked to fulfil the needs of Territorians. Your overseas work has benefited businesses greatly in the Territory and I hope this continues under the new leadership.

The business community has benefited by the economic growth in the Territory over many years and your contribution is recognised.

We wish you all the very best for the future and look forward to continuing our relationship with you.

Yours sincerely

Peter Carew
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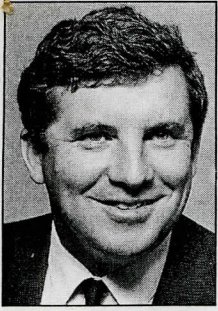
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6 May, 1999

Mr Peter Carew
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Dear Peter

Thank you for your letter of February 16 written on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. I apologise for not responding earlier but I am still endeavouring to deal with an avalanche of mail that I have received following on from my retirement as Chief Minister.

Although I was unhappy about the way in which I departed the position, I am not looking over my shoulder and I wish Denis Burke and his new team every success for the future.

One has their highs and lows in politics, their rewards and disappointments. For me the greatest disappointment is the failure of the Statehood Referendum but I do look back with a sense of satisfaction on the economic legacy that I have left behind.

I would like to thank the Chamber of Commerce and Industry for their support and encouragement during my time as a Minister and, more recently, as Chief Minister. Although there may have been times when we disagreed on various issues, we shared a vision for the future of the Territory.

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

My contact details are as follows:

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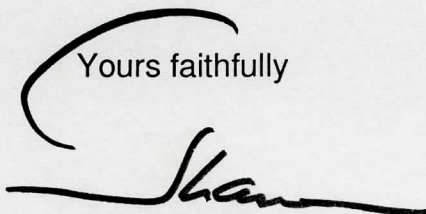
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Please convey my very best wishes to all members of the Chamber. Be assured that my family and I are staying in Darwin and I am looking forward to picking up the threads in the commercial sector I left behind almost 10 years ago.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Shane L. Stone