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Minister for Industry, Science and Resources

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Dear Shane,

I was certainly surprised to hear the news that you are moving on from the post of Chief Minister.

You leave the job with a strong legacy. Over your term, the Territory punched above its weight - you were always heard on issues that mattered to Territorians.

I share your enthusiasm for the Darwin-Alice Springs Railway and admire your drive on making it a national priority.

You gave Territorians the opportunity to have a say on their constitutional future.

And you focused the Territory squarely on its major asset - being the crossroads intersecting Australia and Asia.

All the best for the next step in your career and, if takes you into one of my portfolio areas, I'm sure our paths will cross in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Nick Minchin

P.S. I very much appreciate your help & cooperation in making our way through the native title minefield over the last three years.