

AIRCRAFT CHARTER SERVICES

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Mr Shane Stone Parliament House GPO Box 3146 DARWIN NT 0801

Dear Shane

I was saddened to hear you resign from the 'Top' job in the Northern Territory.

Your presence at the helm will be missed by many as I, and plenty of others thought you were doing a great job in steering the Territory in the right direction.

Congratulations on your achievements and, for your dedication to the responsibility you so ably met. Best wishes in what ever you do, opportunities will undoubtably come your way.

Marie and I were very pleased to read that you and Josephine have chosen Darwin as your home. What a great place it is becoming, more and more each day.

Regards

John & Marie Hardy





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Mr John and Mrs Marie Hardy Hardy Aviation PO Box 26 PARAP NT 0804

Dear John and Marie

Thank you for your letter of February 12. I apologise for not responding earlier but I have been endeavouring to deal with an avalanche of mail that has been written to me in very personal terms and which demands an equally personal response.

John and Marie, I have appreciated your strong support, encouragement and friendship since Josephine and I first came to Darwin. Thank you also for the kind sentiments that you have set out in your letter.

Whilst I was less than happy with what I believed to be fairly shabby treatment as I made my way out of office, I am not looking over my shoulder and I wish Denis Burke and his new team every success for the future.

As you would be aware, we are remaining in Darwin as the Territory is our home. We share with you both a belief, vision and love for Darwin.

You are probably aware of the speculation that I am to be considered for election as the new Federal President of the Liberal Party. Although this development has been disparaged in some quarters within the Territory, I am perplexed to understand why. I would have thought such a development very much in the interests of the Territory and all Territorians.

Thank you again for your very kind letter and the sentiments that you set out in your correspondence.

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In the event that I can ever be of any assistance, you should not hesitate to contact me. Thank you again for your support, encouragement and friendship.

Yours faithfully

Shane L. Stone