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Dear Fred and Freda

I wanted to sit down in a thoughtful way and write to you expressing my profound appreciation for all that you have done for my family and me during the time we have known each other.

Don Watts wrote to recently urging me to retain my drive, enthusiasm and the willingness to take thoughtful risks. I have always been a risk taker and have never seen myself as a pedestrian simply ambling through life.

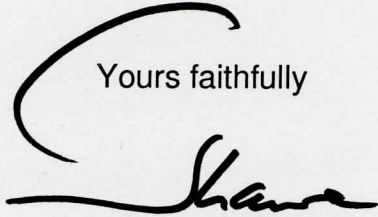
One has their highs and lows in politics, their rewards and disappointments. The Statehood Referendum was a disappointment, but it was far out-weighed by the knowledge that a sound economic framework had been laid down for the Territory's future, sound policies across a raft of areas had been implemented and the success of the 1997 General Election.

Through those highs and lows, you have both been there for Josephine and I and we are profoundly grateful for that. One can never put any real measure on friendship other than the fact that people stop and say thank you and return the compliment.

Whilst it would be true to say that I was disappointed in what I saw as shabby treatment towards the end of my term, I have put that to one side and now look forward optimistically to the future. Darwin is our home and where we will remain. I wish Denis Burke and his team every success for the future.

For my part, and that of Josephine and our children, we thank you very sincerely for your friendship, support and counsel. As you have always been there for us, we will always be there for you.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shane', with a large, sweeping flourish above it that starts under the word 'Yours faithfully' and extends to the left.

Shane L. Stone