

ABORIGINALS BENEFIT ACCOUNT STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARY AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

The accompanying financial statements of the Aboriginals Benefit Account (ABA) for the year ended 30 June 2019 have been prepared in accordance with section 64B of the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976*, which requires the financial statements to be prepared in accordance with section 42 of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act).

The Minister for Finance has granted ABA an exemption under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability (Financial Reporting) Rule 2015* (FRR). The exemption applies to the following requirements of the FRR:

- (a) Sections 9, 32 and 33 of the FRR. The ABA is required to present its administered activities in departmental format, in accordance with current practice.
- (b) Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Part 6 of the FRR to the extent that ABA has no appropriation transactions and balances other than through its special account.

In our opinion, the attached financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2019 comply with subsection 42(2) of the PGPA Act, and are based on properly maintained financial records as per subsection 41(2) of the PGPA Act.

In our opinion, at the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the ABA will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.



Dr Martin Parkinson AC PSM
Secretary

30 August 2019



Paul Wood
Chief Financial Officer

30 August 2019