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Dear Minister

Thank you for your letter of 4 January 2007, which sought my approval concerning a number of changes to existing tourist shopping arrangements. I note that four of the proposals detailed in your letter constitute a change to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) base.

In particular, I support your proposals to amend the GST regulations to allow for the aggregation of multiple invoices from single retailers to achieve the minimum spending threshold of \$300 and extend the 'sealed bag' scheme and maximum time for goods to be exported to 60 days. These simple measures are likely to provide a significant boost to tourism in the Northern Territory and within Australia generally.

I do not support your proposal to outsource the Tourist Refund Scheme function to private providers to promote and manage GST refunds and charge tourists a fee on their refund for the service provided. At this stage, no pressing case for change has been made that would justify the significant cost to the Territory.

Yours sincerely

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