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Dear Mr Tune

Submission Tune Review of nation Archives

We, the Genealogical society of the Northern Territory Inc., established as a voluntary organisation for 38 years, have had a lengthy engagement with the collections held by the NAA on behalf of the Community seeking information as to past family, military, community, culture, history and events associated with the Northern Territory.

We are doing an increasing amount of research for the Indigenous population, so access to their documentation is essential.

Given the distances we in the Territory contend with, that engagement with the collection has been gradually enhanced over the years wherever the collection has been categorised, opened and digitised.

The information made available to families via TROVE is we submit essential as it enables the community to connect with their non-governmental past giving them an understanding of how their heritage reflects on differing aspects of their lives.

We submit the benefits of continued, expanded and hastened digitisation are

- Security of preservation
- Timely access to historic information
- Education of future generations
- Greater understanding between generations

We question whether all NT files been examined and categorised as we are currently unaware of the situation with the NT records. We feel that currently there must be records unexamined or categorised as we notice gaps in information that would logically be available.

Increased funding and staffing must be forthcoming to enable the NAA to comply with their main roles of preserving & encouraging use of Australia's recent and historic records as well as promoting good record keeping.

Yours faithfully,


Keven Young
President