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Dear CATSI Act Review Team

### **Exposure Draft CATSI Regulations**

Thank you for your invitation to comment on proposed changes to the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Regulations 2017 (CATSI). The regulations are relevant to the minerals industry as the minerals industry is a major partner of Indigenous corporations across Australia.

Building on decades of focus, the minerals industry is working to enhance how it engages and partners with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander landholders and communities.<sup>1</sup> Prescribed Body Corporations (PBCs), which are incorporated under the CATSI Act, are a critical interface between minerals proponents and native title holders.

Governments have a critical role in supporting respectful and mutually-beneficial engagement between native title holders and minerals proponents. The MCA recommends tailored guidance on the reformed CATSI Act should be developed to support effective engagement. This could include:

- Key considerations for both parties, including the broader native title regime and regulatory regime for minerals projects
- PBC operating, reporting and engagement processes and requirements, including privacy measures
- Leading practice approaches to proponent engagement with PBCs, corporation members and native title holders more broadly.

As noted in previous consultation, the MCA would welcome the opportunity to work with the National Indigenous Australians Agency and Indigenous corporations to develop the guidance.

Please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED]  
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Yours sincerely

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<sup>1</sup> Minerals Council of Australia, [Minerals Industry Statement on First Nations Partnerships](#), MCA, 6 July 2021.