Recognition of Representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander Body 2000 (No. 3)

I, John Joseph Herron, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs, acting under subsection 203AD(1) of the Native Title Act 1993, recognise the Northern Land Council as the representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander body for the area described in Schedule 1.

I am satisfied that the Northern Land Council:
(a) will satisfactorily represent persons who hold or may hold native title in the area described in Schedule 1; and
(b) will be able to consult effectively with Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders living in the area; and
(c) satisfactorily performs its existing representative body functions; and
(d) would be able to perform satisfactorily the functions of a representative body.

This recognition takes effect on 1 July 2000.

Dated 2 February 2000

JOHN HERRON

Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs
Schedule 1  Description of area (Northern Northern Territory)

1. The area is, firstly, all the area of land and waters bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of the Northern Territory border, the Western Australia State border and the coastline of mainland Australia, and then proceeding south along the western border of the Northern Territory to its intersection with the Central Land Council boundary line, vide Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976, published in the Australian Government Gazette No. S6, 26 January 1977, as amended by notice published in the Australian Government Gazette No. G34, 30 August 1977, then generally south-easterly along the aforesaid boundary to its intersection with the Northern Territory’s eastern border, then north along the eastern border of the Northern Territory to the intersection of the Northern Territory border, the Queensland State border, the coastline of mainland Australia, then generally north along the Northern Territory and Queensland adjacent area boundary as defined in Schedule 2 of the Petroleum (Submerged Land) Act 1967 to its intersection with the outer limit of the Exclusive Economic Zone of Australia (EEZ), then generally westerly along that outer limit to its intersection with the Northern Territory and Western Australia adjacent area boundary as defined in Schedule 2 of the Petroleum (Submerged Land) Act 1967, and then generally south by that adjacent area boundary to the point where the line began.

Secondly, all the area of land and waters bounded by a line commencing at the western intersection of the EEZ of Australia and the Western Australia and Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands adjacent area boundary as defined in Schedule 2 of the Petroleum (Submerged Land) Act 1967, and then proceeding generally easterly along that adjacent area boundary to the eastern intersection of the aforesaid boundary to the EEZ of Australia, and then generally westerly along the outer limit of the EEZ to the point where the line began.

2. In this Schedule:

   exclusive economic zone means the exclusive economic zone within the meaning of the Seas and Submerged Lands Act 1973.