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Dear Peter

I am advised that ARPANSA officers visited Maralinga last November/December to supply health physics services during the drilling of the water sampling bores and that the ARPANSA officers also conducted a survey of the Kuli area.

I understand that the survey detected previously unknown material in the Kuli area.

As you know, the Commonwealth is preparing to transfer the Maralinga site back to the South Australian Government which has indicated that it will pass the land on to become a part of the Maralinga Tjarutja freehold lands.

It is important that when the Commonwealth transfers the land to SA, that the Commonwealth also transfer an accurate set of records.

Therefore, could you please

- 1 prepare an ARPANSA report of the results of the Kuli survey
- 2 make an assessment of the health impact, if any, of the additional material found in the Kuli area
- 3 liaise with the Regulatory Branch of ARPANSA and jointly recommend if there is a need for any additional rehabilitation work in the Kuli area.

We consider the above work to be in excess of the work covered under the DEST/ARPANSA contract and agree that ARPANSA will invoice DEST for the above tasks.

On the matter of timing, we may experience difficulty in carrying over unspent funds after 30 June 2002. If we are to do remedial work under task 3 above, we would like to commence as soon as possible. Therefore we would appreciate if you could address the above matters as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

CP *letter sent approx end of Feb 2002* *Johns*

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