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Hon Gary Hardgrave
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14 May 2015

Your Honour

Dangerous Drugs Act 1927 ("the Act") – Section 7A Licence

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter and licence under s.7A of the Dangerous Drugs Act 1927 issued to an Australian company, AusCann Group Holdings Pty Ltd (ACN601 953 860).

The applicant company proposes to cultivate cannabis in Norfolk Island for the purpose of exporting to Canada under the Canadian medicinal cannabis market. The proposed export business is capable of providing significant economic benefit to the Norfolk Island community.

The licence is subject to significant conditions and enables a "staged development" approach to the applicant company establishing their agricultural operations. The terms of the licence conditions draw heavily on comparable requirements under Canada's *Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulations SOR 1996* ("MMPR") made under the Canadian *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*. The applicant company is not able to import, possess, cultivate or export cannabis unless appropriate conditions have been met and specific authorization issued. The licence expressly precludes the sale or supply of cannabis in Norfolk Island.

The company has invested considerable time and resources in seeking to structure its operation that will meet Canadian MMPR requirements. I understand that the applicant company has been in previous contact with yourself and your Office and further that in December 2014 you were provided with the company's Submission consisting of a lever arch file with a 43 page written submission and 12 annexures composed of approximately 150-200 pages.

As you are aware section 13 of the Act empowers the Administrator at any time to cancel any licence granted under the provisions of that Act. I would respectfully request that if you intend to exercise that power you allow both the applicant company and the Norfolk Island Government an opportunity to address the proposed reasons and concerns that might prompt you to consider exercising that power.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries or would like further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Adams', written in a cursive style.

Robin Adams
Minister for Cultural Heritage and Community Services

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