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Mr Alan Paton
Secretary
Unions NT
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Dear Mr Paton,

I refer to the letter dated 3 August 2012 from the former Minister for Lands and Planning in which Unions NT were offered a Crown lease for a term of 10 years, at nil cost, over Lot 5260 Town of Darwin (the Stella Maris site) for the purpose of a community centre, meeting rooms and office space. The offer was made without any invitation of applications for the land, and without the land being offered for sale by auction, tender or ballot. The offer was necessarily subject to the subsequent exercise of the powers under the *Crown Lands Act* (NT) for the grant and registration of the lease.

As you are aware, this matter was being reviewed by the Northern Territory Government. I now advise that the Northern Territory Government has determined that the proposal from Union NT does not meet the criteria for the Direct Sales scheme and as such does not fully capitalise on the potential of this site for the benefit of all Territorians. Sites such as Stella Maris should have been released on a public competitive basis.

In consideration of the foregoing, my Department will not provide an authorisation for the lodgement of an application to the Development Consent Authority.

Should you require any further information on the matter, please contact me on telephone (08) 8924 7286 or via email at john.coleman@nt.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

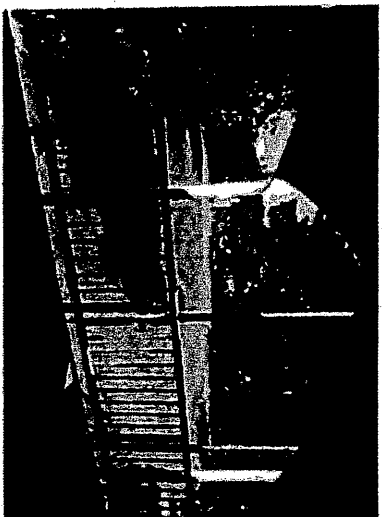
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Proposed re-development of the Stella Maris site

Unions NT in association with other community groups



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