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Dear Mr Yunupingu

I am writing to you in relation to the Mataranka Area Land Claim (Area 4) over the Urapunga Stock Route.

I have written to Mr Joe Tapp regarding the outstanding issues surrounding access across the stock route. I would be grateful if you could inform me as to the process which the Northern Land Council intends to adopt to resolve these issues.

I am hopeful that the access issues can be resolved in the near future.

I am advised that the Commission is currently preparing the Executive Council documents for lodgement with the Governor-General in order to proceed with a grant, and I do not intend to proceed with the grant until I am satisfied every effort is made to resolve this matter.

Yours sincerely

SENATOR JOHN HERRON