Dear Madam Speaker,

In accordance with clause 4.12 of the RTD, I write to report on intra Territory travel undertaken between 11-13 November 2013. In accordance with the RTD, I did seek and receive your approval for this travel.

On these dates I travelled to Galiwin'ku (Elcho Island). My time was divided evenly between the large community that is Galiwin'ku and the homeland of Gawa which sits on the northern tip of the island, a drive of approximately 53 kilometres. I spent a night at each of these communities.

During my visit I met with many constituents who raised a number of matters with me around local government, housing, the state of roads, the cost of power, the lack of support for homelands and education.

Coincidentally, I was present at the teachers' rally on Tuesday 12th and joined a meeting of more than 100 community members. They are upset and angry about the complete lack of consultation around savage cuts to their school, Shepherdson College, and particularly the loss of highly valued Yolngu assistant teacher roles in classrooms and the loss of employment.

My constituents advise me that no member or minister of the CLP government has visited since the change of government in August 2012. Galiwin'ku is home to more than 2,500 people and to have had no visit from a government claiming to be listening to the voice of people in the bush, is disappointing to say the least.

Yours sincerely,

Lynne Walker

5 December 2013