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Parliament House  
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By email: [senator.liddle@aph.gov.au](mailto:senator.liddle@aph.gov.au)

Dear Senator Liddle

I am writing in regard to queries you raised in our discussion on 22 September 2025 regarding Central Land Council (CLC) and its relationship with Centrecorp Aboriginal Investment Corporation Pty Ltd (Centrecorp).

The CLC's 2024–25 financial statements were finalised and signed on 22 August 2025 and an unmodified auditor's report was issued on the same day. The ANAO provided a copy of the audited financial statements and auditor's report to the Minister for Indigenous Affairs on 18 September 2025. CLC's 2024–25 annual report will include the audited financial statements and auditor's report. The timing of the tabling of the 2024–25 CLC annual report is not a matter in which the ANAO is involved, therefore questions on the timing of tabling are best directed to CLC.

The 2024–25 audit included further review of the relationship between CLC and Centrecorp, and CLC included expanded information on this relationship in its 2024–25 financial statements. The more detailed related parties disclosure refers to certain CLC staff (who not individually named) who are also directors of Centrecorp and sets out why these arrangements do not alter CLC's assessment that CLC does not control or have significant influence over Centrecorp. Any requests for further details about this matter, including the names of the CLC staff who are directors of Centrecorp, would be most appropriately directed to CLC.

The ANAO's end of year report to Parliament on the results of the 2024–25 financial statements audits, planned to be presented for tabling in the Parliament in December 2025, will include a summary of CLC's approach to preparing the related parties information in response to a moderate-risk audit finding that was issued to CLC in respect of this matter as part of the 2024–25 interim audit. This finding has been assessed as resolved as at the completion of the final audit phase for 2024–25.

I hope that this information helps address your queries. Please let me know if you would like further clarification.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Caralee'.

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