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Mr Ben O'Loughlin
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Dear O'Loughlin

**RE: MAXIMUM DAMAGES UNDER SECTIONS 27 AND 28 OF THE
PERSONAL INJURIES (LIABILITIES AND DAMAGES) ACT**

Section 27 of the *Personal Injuries (Liabilities and Damages) Act* provides that the maximum amount that a Court may award for damages for non-pecuniary loss in respect of a personal injuries claim is the amount declared by the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, in accordance with section 28 of the Act.

I enclose (*) a copy of the Attorney-General's Declaration for 2015, as published in Gazette G39 of 30 September 2015, for the purposes of section 28 of the *Personal Injuries (Liabilities and Damages) Act*.

You will see that:

- (a) the new maximum amount is \$585,500; and
- (b) the Declaration took effect on 1 October 2015.

Yours sincerely



Jenni Daniel-Yee
Director, Legal Policy

2 October 2015

Encl (*)

Northern Territory of Australia
Personal Injuries (Liabilities and Damages) Act
Maximum Amount of Damages
for Non-Pecuniary Loss

I, Johan Wessel Elferink, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice, under section 28(1) of the *Personal Injuries (Liabilities and Damages) Act*, declare:

- (a) the maximum amount of damages a court may award for non-pecuniary loss, applicable for section 27(1) of the Act, is \$585 500;
and
- (b) this declaration takes effect on 1 October 2015.

Dated 20 September 2015

J. W. Elferink
Attorney-General and Minister for Justice