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*Dear Graham Taylor,*

Thank you for your letter of 18 November 2009, expressing concern at the proposed closure of National Archives' offices in Darwin, Adelaide and Hobart.

The decision to close the offices was made in response to the Government's Mid-Year Economic and Fiscal Outlook statement which announced that the National Archives, along with other Government agencies, is required to find further budget savings for the current and forward estimate years.

To achieve these savings, the Archives will reduce service costs in Canberra, and close its offices in Darwin, Adelaide and Hobart over the next two and a half years as building leases expire.

The Archives is working to ensure ongoing provision of service, through extension of our existing online service and by co-operating with State and Territory cultural heritage organisations in each of the locations.

I will keep you updated about further developments.

Your sincerely

*Ross Gibbs*

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Director General  
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