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**OFFICE OF AUSTRALIAN WAR GRAVES**

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Mr Neil Sunners  
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Dear Mr Sunners

I am writing to thank you for your company's involvement in the construction of the Northern Territory Garden of Remembrance (GRM) at Darwin's Thorak Regional Cemetery for the Office of Australian War Graves.

I had the opportunity to inspect the GRM at the official opening ceremony last month and the finished product reflects the thorough and professional manner in which your company carried out this important project.

I have received many positive comments from the families of those commemorated within the Garden, members of the ex-service community and other visitors to the site. The Northern Territory GRM is a first class facility and has set a new standard for GRMs in Australia. Importantly, the GRM has provided a peaceful and contemplative area where eligible Australian veterans can be commemorated in perpetuity.

Calum Howarth, my Senior Project Officer, who managed the project on behalf of this Office, was impressed with the level of professionalism displayed by your company and in particular, by the high level of service provided by the site foreman Mr Jim Eddie. Mr Eddie's flexibility and ability to understand and meet our needs greatly assisted Calum.

I hope this Office has the opportunity to work with you again and I would have no hesitation in recommending your services to prospective clients.

Thank you once again.

Yours sincerely

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