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The Hon Peter Garrett AM MP  
Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

15 October 2009

Dear Minister

In accordance with subsection 36(1) of the *Environment Protection (Alligator Rivers Region) Act 1978* (the Act), I submit to you the thirty-first Annual Report of the Supervising Scientist on the operation of the Act during the period of 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Hughes', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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Photos (clockwise from top left): fish popnetting in Magela Creek; taking groundwater standing-water levels at Rum Jungle; running snail tests in the ecotoxicology laboratory; examining continuous monitoring equipment at Magela Creek; popnetting for fish communities in a lowland, shallow billabong; checking monitoring equipment at Ranger; making fish cultures in the ecotoxicology laboratory; Routine Periodic Inspection (RPI) at Ranger mine.