



MEDIA RELEASE

'ICE' SELECT COMMITTEE

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Public Hearings and Forums in Katherine and Alice Springs

The 'Ice' Select Committee will be holding public hearings and forums in Katherine and Alice Springs on 14 and 21 July. The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory set up the Select Committee to look into the prevalence, impacts and government responses to the use of the drug colloquially known as 'ice' in the Northern Territory.

"The Committee has held initial hearings with a number of Government departments and service providers and now it wants to hear from people around the Territory about the impact that 'ice' is having and what actions the Government can take to address this issue," the Chair of the Committee, Mr Nathan Barrett MLA, said.

"At the public forums the Committee will hear directly from community members about the issues they face, and the steps needed to reduce the demand and supply of 'ice' and minimise the harm to individuals, families and communities. We encourage all interested people and organisations to come to the forums and share their views, knowledge and experiences", Mr Barrett said.

The Committee will also be holding public hearings where invited witnesses that have provided submissions to the inquiry will speak to the Committee. Anyone may come and watch the public hearings. "To get a better understanding of withdrawal and rehabilitation services available outside of Darwin, the Committee will also be visiting Venndale and BushMob", Mr Barrett said.

The members of the Committee are Mr Nathan Barrett (Chair) MLA, Ms Lauren Moss (Deputy Chair) MLA, Mr Francis Kurrupuwu MLA and Mr Gerry Wood MLA.

Katherine: Public Hearings 11.00 pm – 12.00 pm, 14 July, Katherine Town Council Chamber, Civic Centre
Public Forum 12.00 pm – 1.30 pm, 14 July, Katherine Town Council Chamber, Civic Centre

Alice Springs: Public Hearings, 11.00 am – 12.00 pm, 21 July, Andy McNeill Room, Alice Springs Town Council
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