

### **May I hand deliver my submission?**

Yes. If you live in or close to Darwin, you may hand deliver your submission to the Reception area of Parliament House in the State Square Precinct. It should be addressed in the manner described on the previous page.

### **May I E-mail my submission?**

Yes, in Word or PDF format. Electronic submissions should be mailed to [pat.hancock@nt.gov.au](mailto:pat.hancock@nt.gov.au)

### **What if I have further questions?**

If you require further information, contact Ms Pat Hancock in the Committee Secretariat on 8946 1429 or by E-mail: [pat.hancock@nt.gov.au](mailto:pat.hancock@nt.gov.au). Don't forget to look at the web site, too, for information on how to complete a submission to the Committee.

### **May I watch the Committee in action?**

Some Committee activities are open to the public and some are not. Public hearings, as the name suggests, *are* open to the public. At the time this brochure was printed, the Committee had not set dates for public hearings, but if it decides to conduct public hearings, anyone is welcome to attend and listen to the evidence presented. Keep your eye on the web site for further information and announcements.

### **Sources of Information**

#### **Legislative Assembly of the NT web site:**

[www.nt.gov.au/lant/parliament/committees/comm/comm.shtml](http://www.nt.gov.au/lant/parliament/committees/comm/comm.shtml)

#### **Department of the Chief Minister Office of Youth Affairs web site:**

[http://www.nt.gov.au/dcm/youth\\_affairs/home.shtml](http://www.nt.gov.au/dcm/youth_affairs/home.shtml)

#### **Deadline for Submissions to the Committee**

Friday 2 June 2006.

This brochure was produced by the Committee Secretariat, Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory in March 2006. Further information is available from the Secretariat - telephone 8946 1429, or E-mail [pat.hancock@nt.gov.au](mailto:pat.hancock@nt.gov.au)



## **Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory**

## **SESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON SPORT AND YOUTH**

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### **Information about the Committee**

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## About the Committee

The Sessional Committee on Sport and Youth has been established by the Legislative Assembly to inquire into and report on the delivery of sporting programs for the Territory's youth.

When it has concluded its inquiry, it must report back to the Legislative Assembly.

The Committee can achieve its job in a number of ways:

- call for information from various organisations, both government and non-government;
- call for submissions from people with an interest in the subject matter;
- seek advice from experts in the field; and
- conduct public and private hearings.

In March 2006, the Committee called for submissions from interested people and organisations, with a closing date of 2 June 2006.

## Members of the Committee

There are six members of the Sessional Committee on Sport and Youth:

### Member Chairing the Committee

Mr Chris Natt, MLA, Member for Drysdale

### Members

Mr Matthew Bonson, MLA, Member for Millner

Ms Barbara McCarthy, MLA, Member for Arnhem

Mr Terry Mills, MLA, Member for Blain

Mrs Fay Miller, MLA, Member for Katherine

Mr Gerry Wood, MLA, Member for Nelson.

## Terms of Reference

The Committee has a very specific task, which was given to it by the Legislative Assembly. The Terms of Reference are:

*... to inquire into and report on the delivery of sporting programs for the Territory's youth, in particular:*

*(a) the ability and effectiveness of existing structures and programs, from grassroots to elite, to deliver in urban, regional and remote areas, and recommendations for improvement;*

*(b) the role and benefit of School Sport NT programs and links to participation; and*

*(c) demonstrated links between participation in sport and reduced antisocial behaviour.*

## Making a Submission

If you or a group to which you belong wish to make a submission to the Committee, you must address the Terms of Reference so that your submission is relevant to the matters the Committee must consider.

An information guide is available for those who are unsure about how to write a submission. It appears on the Legislative Assembly web site at: [www.nt.gov.au/lant/parliament/committees/comm/comm.shtml](http://www.nt.gov.au/lant/parliament/committees/comm/comm.shtml)

If you are a young person and have a view about sport in the Northern Territory, you may wish to make a submission to the Committee. Perhaps your class or school would like to make a submission.

## Who should make a submission?

Anyone who has an interest in the topic. The Committee would like to hear from athletes, coaches, administrators, officials, mums and dads, teachers, sponsors, sporting organisations - anyone who has anything to say about the delivery of sport to young people in the Territory.

## What happens next?

After the closing date for submissions (2 June 2006), the Committee must consider each one. This can be very time consuming, especially if the Committee receives many submissions.

After the Committee has considered all the submissions, it will decide what it will do next. It may decide to hear evidence from some of the people who made submissions.

Ultimately, when the Committee has concluded all its deliberations, it will report to the Legislative Assembly on its findings.

## Where to send submissions

Ms Pat Hancock

Secretary

Sessional Committee on Sport & Youth

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Please ensure that you mark your submission 'Confidential'.