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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **COMMITTEE ON THE NORTHERN TERRITORY'S ENERGY FUTURE**

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19 September 2013

### **INQUIRY INTO KEY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

The Committee on the Northern Territory's Energy Future today announced details of an inquiry to identify key challenges and opportunities associated with meeting the Northern Territory's future energy needs.

"The inquiry seeks to promote broad consideration of a range of issues associated with the NT's energy future and will form the basis of a discussion paper", Mr Higgins, MLA, CONTEF Chair said. "It will focus on factors that impact on exploration, development and production of energy producing resources; strategies to improve energy efficiency, consumer and supplier participation in the energy market; and off-grid power generation alternatives."

"Ensuring a secure, reliable and affordable source of energy is critical to the development of a prosperous economy and an issue of concern to all Territorians," Mr Higgins added. "Over the next three years the Committee will explore the challenges and opportunities associated with the diverse energy sources available to us and provide Government with recommendations for the most efficient, effective and responsible use of our energy."

Industry representatives, members of the public and interested organisations are invited to make submissions, with these due no later than 8 November 2013. Terms of reference and Submission Guidelines are available from [www.nt.gov.au/lant](http://www.nt.gov.au/lant) or by contacting the Committee Office on (08) 8946 1485 or by email, [contef@nt.gov.au](mailto:contef@nt.gov.au).

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