

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**  
**ANIMAL WELFARE GOVERNANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

On 4 May 2011, the Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory passed a motion for the Council of Territory Co-operation to establish the Animal Welfare Governance Sub-committee.

The Sub-committee will inquire into and report to the Legislative Assembly on animal welfare governance in the Northern Territory and various government departments that are associated with animal welfare, husbandry or research. In particular the Sub-committee will inquire into:

- *The appropriateness and effectiveness of the current NT Animal Welfare Act and Regulations and other relevant legislation including provisions in regard to prosecution of instances of animal neglect and cruelty and arrangements for the governance of animal ethics committees; and*
- *Processes and systems adopted by the Department of Resources and its predecessors, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services and its predecessors and Charles Darwin University in relation to recent investigations into animal welfare issues at the Charles Darwin University managed cattle station at Mataranka.*

Interested people and organisations are invited to submit any views they wish to have considered by the Sub-committee in its inquiry.

People can ask that their submission (either oral or written) be treated as confidential.

Closing date for submissions is 1 July 2011.

Send submissions to:      The Secretary  
   Council of Territory Co-operation  
   GPO Box 3721  
   DARWIN NT 0801

**PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS**

The Sub-committee plans to hold public hearings in Darwin and Katherine to hear evidence from invited government officials, organisations and oral submissions from members of the public. Further details will be advertised at a later date.

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