

TERMS OF REFERENCE

That:

1. The Assembly refer to the Council of Territory Cooperation (CTC) the following matters of public importance for inquiry and report to the Assembly no later than the last sitting day in August 2011.
2. As part of its current considerations of the administration and service delivery by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Regional Services, the CTC inquire into and report on animal welfare governance in the Northern Territory and various government departments that are associated with animal welfare, husbandry or research with particular reference to:
 - (a) 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
 - (b) the 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 the Charles Darwin University in relation to the recent investigations into animal welfare issues at the Charles Darwin University owned cattle station.