

What is the Council of Territory Co-operation?

The Council of Territory Co-operation (CTC) is a committee of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly. It was formed in 2009 and has been established to monitor and report to the Parliament on the progress of government policies and initiatives.

Initial matters referred by the Legislative Assembly are the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program (SIHIP), local government reform and Working Future including growth towns and outstations.

The CTC is empowered to conduct inquiries and make recommendations on matters of public importance which are referred to it by the Legislative Assembly or self referred.

The committee has recently taken a strong focus on child protection and has been scrutinising government action in response to the Report of the Board of Inquiry into the Child Protection System.



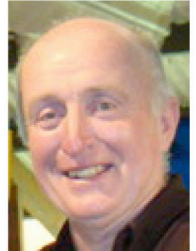
Above - Ms Marion Scrymgour MLA and Mr Gerry Wood MLA inspecting SIHIP houses at Santa Teresa. Below - meeting traditional women.



Meet the team:

Chair
Mr Gerry Wood, MLA
Member for Nelson
Independent

Former President of the Litchfield Shire Council. Independent Member for Nelson since 2001.



Ms Lynne Walker, MLA (from 18 March 2010)
Member for Nhulunbuy
Territory Labor

Lynne has lived and worked in Nhulunbuy since 1990 and has raised her family there. A former high school English teacher, Lynne also worked for many years in the mining industry in community relations with Rio Tinto Alcan at its Gove operations. Lynne is an active member of her community and prior to the 2008 NT election was an elected member of Nhulunbuy Town Board.



Ms. Marion Scrymgour, MLA
Member for Arafura
Territory Labor

Marion was the Labor Party Deputy Chief Minister of the Northern Territory from November 2007 until February 2009. She was the highest ranked Indigenous person in government in Australia's history. She was also the first Indigenous woman to be elected to the Northern Territory Parliament.



What have the Council of Territory Co-operation been doing?

Since the CTC's inception it has travelled to many communities all over the Territory, talking to people on the ground.

Unless requested by people appearing at the CTC's public hearings and meetings, they are open to all interested and the media.