

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **COUNCIL OF TERRITORY CO-OPERATION**

18 November 2009

Following on from its recent two day hearing in Darwin, the Council of Territory Co-operation will continue taking evidence around regional centres, commencing with Tennant Creek tomorrow, Alice Springs next Monday and Katherine on Wednesday 2 December 2009. Details of times and venues are:

Tennant Creek, 10.00am – 2.00pm, Tuesday 19 November at the Tennant Creek Civic Centre Alice Springs, 1.00 – 6.30pm, Monday 23 November, at the Crowne Plaza Meeting Room Katherine, 2.00 – 6.00pm, Wednesday 2 December, at the CWA Meeting Room.

Details of the program can be obtained from the website or by contacting the Committee Secretariat on 8946 1464.

As in Darwin, the CTC's focus is on the Strategic Indigenous Housing and Infrastructure Program – SIHIP – together with Working Futures and the Local Government Reforms.

"As with all proceedings of the CTC unless there is a very good reason why not, the hearings will be open to the public and members of the public are encouraged to come along. An Open Forum is held at the end of each hearing," said Chair, Independent MLA Gerry Wood, "giving an opportunity for anyone present to speak on these three issues."

The Committee plans to meet with representatives of the relevant councils and shires at these hearings, as well as take the opportunity to scrutinise local building proposals under SIHIP.

The Council is a bipartisan parliamentary Committee. Other members are Ms Alison Anderson MLA, Mr John Elferink, MLA, Mr Michael Gunner, MLA, Ms Marion Scrymgour, MLA and Mr Willem Westra Van Holthe, MLA.

It is charged with reporting to the Legislative Assembly from time to time on its findings.

Details of the CTC, including its Terms of Reference and transcripts of previous hearings, are on the committee's website at <u>http://www.nt.gov.au/lant/parliament/parliament.shtml</u>

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