



MEDIA RELEASE

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ACTION TO PREVENT FOETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER

10 April 2014

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Select Committee on Action to Prevent Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) is calling for submissions to its inquiry.

“The Legislative Assembly wants to better understand the nature and the size of the problem of FASD in the Territory and how we can best reduce it,” the Honourable Kezia Purick MLA, the Chair of the Committee said.

“This inquiry will enable Members of the Legislative Assembly to learn from experts, people working in the field, and those affected by the disorder and make recommendations for effective Government action,” Ms Purick said.

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory has set up the Select Committee to look into the prevalence of FASD, the effects it has on its sufferers, and what actions the Government can take to help prevent it.

The members of the Committee are the Hon Kezia Purick MLA, the Hon Bess Price MLA, Mr Gary Higgins MLA, Ms Nicole Manison MLA, Mr Gerry McCarthy MLA and Mr Gerry Wood MLA.

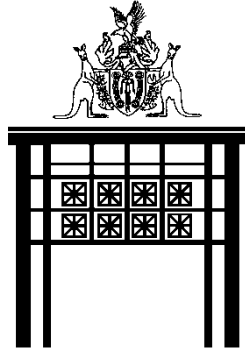
The Committee is inviting individuals and organisations with experience or expertise with FASD to make a submission.

After it has received submissions, the Committee will be holding public hearings.

The Assembly has asked the Committee to report back to it by October 2014.

Members of the public and interested organisations are invited to make submissions, which are due by 26 May 2014. The terms of reference, information on making a submission and further details are available from www.nt.gov.au/lant.

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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

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The Committee is inquiring into the prevalence of FASD, the effects it has on its sufferers, and what actions the Government can take to reduce the disorder. Interested people and organisations are invited to make submissions to the Committee by 26 May 2014.

Send submissions to the Secretary, Select Committee on Action to Prevent Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, GPO Box 3721, DARWIN 0801 or by email below.

For more information and Terms of Reference, contact Committee Office (08) 8946 1485, email lcomm@nt.gov.au or <http://www.nt.gov.au/lant/>.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

12th Assembly

Select Committee on Action to Prevent Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder

Terms of Reference

The Legislative Assembly resolved on 26 March 2014 that:

1. A Select Committee on Action to Prevent Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder be appointed.
2. The Committee shall inquire into and report on:
 - a. The prevalence in the Northern Territory of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD);
 - b. The nature of the injuries and effects of FASD on its sufferers; and
 - c. Actions the Government can take to reduce FASD based on evidence and consultation.
3. The Committee's membership shall comprise three Government Members, two Opposition Members and one Independent Member.
4. The Committee may elect a Deputy Chair of the Committee, who may act as the Chair when the Chair is absent from a meeting or there is no Chair of the Committee.
5. A quorum of the Committee shall be three members of the Committee.
6. The committee is to report in the October sittings.
7. The provisions of this resolution, insofar as they are inconsistent with the Standing Orders, have effect notwithstanding anything contained in the Standing Orders.