

MEDIA RELEASE

**GERRY WOOD- CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL OF TERRITORY CO-
OPERATION**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS DARWIN, MATARANKA AND KATHERINE
2-3 AUGUST 2011**

TO INQUIRE INTO ANIMAL WELFARE GOVERNANCE

The Animal Welfare Governance sub-committee of the Council of Territory Co-operation will continue its inquiry next week.

Gerry Wood as the Acting Chair of the sub-committee said: "the Minister for Local Government, Malarndirri McCarthy as the NT minister responsible for Animal Welfare will appear before the sub-committee on Tuesday morning, 2nd August." He went on to say "Minister McCarthy made it clear when the Assembly debated the motion which approved the setting up of this CTC sub-committee that she would be prepared to appear before it".

The sub-committee will then travel to Mataranka to inspect Mataranka Station which is managed by Charles Darwin University to see first hand what changes have been made since the Ombudsman's Report was released last October.

In the evening there will be a public meeting to hear from key witnesses who were involved in the situation of animal neglect and to hear also from members and key stakeholders in the Mataranka area.

There will also be a public hearing in Katherine between 10am and noon where Department of Resources' staff will appear before the sub-committee. The Hearing will take place at Knott's Crossing Resort.

Note: CTC Itinerary attached

www.nt.gov.au/lant/parliament/parliament.shtml

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ANIMAL WELFARE GOVERNANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

2 & 3 August 2011

Tuesday 2 August 2011		
Time	Location	Witness
8.00-9.00am	Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House, Darwin	Minister Malarndirri McCarthy
6.30-8.30pm	Mataranka Community Hall Mataranka	
Wednesday 3 August 2011		
10.00-12noon	Knotts Crossing Resort Katherine	Representatives from the Department of Resources