

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

**LYNNE WALKER - CHAIR OF THE CTC'S ANIMAL WELFARE  
GOVERNANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC HEARING DARWIN 31 AUGUST 2011**

The CTC's Animal Welfare Governance Sub-Committee will continue its inquiry in Darwin this week with a public hearing at Parliament House on Wednesday 31 August 2011.

Three witnesses will give evidence at the public hearing: Ms Julie Carlsen, Deputy Ombudsman; Mr Ian Gray, former Mataranka Station Manager; and by teleconference, Dr Brian Heim, former Director of Vocational Education and Training at Charles Darwin University.

Lynne Walker, the Sub-Committee's Chair said 'the Sub-Committee wants to hear from the Deputy Ombudsman on aspects of her investigation into the treatment of cattle at Mataranka Station'.

'The Sub-Committee's terms of reference encompass broader issues of animal welfare governance in the Territory. These witnesses all have a perspective on those issues that the Sub-Committee needs to hear', Ms Walker said.

*Note: Public hearing program attached.*

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**CHAIR- LYNNE WALKER MLA & Council Members  
invite you to attend the Council's**

**PUBLIC HEARING  
OF THE  
ANIMAL WELFARE GOVERNANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday 31 August 2011 - 11am – 3pm  
Litchfield Room – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - Parliament House Darwin**

**TOPIC – ANIMAL WELFARE GOVERNANCE**

**TIME WITNESSES**

**Wednesday 31 August 2011**

11.00am- Ms Julie Carlsen  
12.00noon Deputy Ombudsman

12.00noon- Mr Ian Gray  
2.00pm

2.00pm- Dr Brian Heim  
3.00pm via teleconference

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**The Council welcomes written submissions from individuals or organisations**