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## SELECT COMMITTEE ON A NORTHERN TERRITORY HARM REDUCTION STRATEGY FOR ADDICTIVE BEHAVIOURS

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### PUBLIC HEARING IN DARWIN

The Select Committee on a Northern Territory Harm Reduction Strategy for Addictive Behaviours is holding a public hearing in Darwin on **Thursday, 15 November 2018**.

“The Northern Territory has higher rates of tobacco consumption, cannabis use and alcohol risk than any other state or territory in Australia and these, in turn, are causing an unacceptable level of harm in our communities, it is time we turned this around” the Chair of the Committee, Mr Jeff Collins MLA said.

“The public hearing will provide the Committee with an opportunity to hear directly from service providers and experts in the field about the steps needed to reduce the harms from addictive behaviours”.

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory set up the Select Committee to look into the extent and effectiveness of current harm reduction practices and treatment programmes in the NT and to identify actions the Government can take to improve these.

The members of the Committee are Mr Jeff Collins MLA (Chair), Ms Sandra Nelson MLA (Deputy Chair), the Hon. Kezia Purick MLA, Mr Gary Higgins MLA, and Mr Paul Kirby MLA.

The Hearing will commence at 8.30 am in the Litchfield Room, Level 3, Parliament House and conclude at 4.00 pm.

The hearing schedule is attached and can be accessed here:

<https://parliament.nt.gov.au/committees/RAB#PB>

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