



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

14th Assembly

Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

INQUIRY INTO A PROCESS TO REVIEW BILLS FOR THEIR IMPACT ON FIRST NATIONS TERRITORIANS CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

On 17 May 2023, the Legislative Assembly referred the matter of a *process to review Bills introduced into the Assembly for their impact on First Nations Territorians* to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee for inquiry and report back to the Assembly by May 2024.

The inquiry is to consider, but not be limited to:

- The preferred body to conduct such a review, such as a statutory body composed of First Nations Territorians, or an Assembly committee advised by First Nations Territorians, and
- A requirement for a Statement of Compatibility against prescribed measures of self-determination.

The full Terms of Reference for this inquiry are available on the inquiry web page at: <https://parliament.nt.gov.au/committees/list/LCAC/IFNT>.

To assist those interested in making a submission, the Committee has released a short discussion paper which provides an overview of the Northern Territory context and models of legislative review currently in place elsewhere in Australasia. The discussion paper also includes a number of questions relating to the main issues for consideration. A copy of the discussion paper is available on the inquiry web page and can be found [here](#).

The Committee invites interested people and organisations to make a submission to its inquiry responding to one or more of the questions set out in the discussion paper. Submissions are due by close of business **Friday 29 September 2023** and should be emailed to LA.Committees@nt.gov.au.

Guidelines for making a submission can be found [here](#).

The Committee will consider your submission and may authorise its publication and make it available on its website. If the submission contains information you do not wish to be made public, please advise the Committee when you make your submission. A submission to parliamentary committees is the property of the Committee and should not be made public unless the Committee authorises its publication.

To be kept up to date with what is happening with the inquiry you can subscribe for email updates <https://parliament.nt.gov.au/committees/subscribe>.

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