



MEDIA RELEASE

SELECT COMMITTEE ON

ACTION TO PREVENT FOETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER

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Public Forums and Hearings in Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs

The Select Committee on Action to Prevent Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) will be holding public forums and hearings in Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs between 29 July and 1 August.

“The Committee has held initial hearings with national experts and now it wants to hear from people around the Territory about the impact that FASD is having and what can be done to prevent it,” the Chair of the Committee, the Hon Kezia Purick MLA, said.

“FASD has a terrible impact on individuals, families and communities. If we are to reduce the incidence of FASD and improve outcomes for those affected we need to understand the issues from an individual and community perspective.”

“At the public forums and hearings the Committee will hear directly from community members about the issues they face, and the steps needed to reduce FASD and to manage its impacts. We encourage all interested members of the community to come to the forums and share their views and experiences”, Ms Purick said.

The Legislative Assembly of the Northern Territory 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 Committee will be holding public forums where anyone can come and talk with the Committee.

The Committee will also be holding public hearings where invited witnesses will speak to the Committee. Anyone may come and watch the public hearings.

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

Katherine: Public Hearings 12.30 pm – 4.30 pm, 29 July, Katherine Civic Centre
Public Forum 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm, 29 July, Katherine Civic Centre

Tennant Creek: Public Forum, 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm, 30 July, Tennant Creek Civic Hall
Public Hearings, 8.30 am – 12.30 pm, 31 July, Tennant Creek Civic Hall

Alice Springs: Public Hearings, 8.30 am – 2.30 pm, 1 August, Andy McNeill Room, Alice Springs Town Council

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