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## Member for Barkly

### Travel Report - Basic Allowance Clause 6.1 of RTD No.1

#### Objectives

Using MLA Basic Allowance; Clause 6.1 of RTD No.1 travel was undertaken to Darwin over the weekend 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at the Mantra Pandanus Hotel to attend;

- The Territory Labor Conference 2017

#### Associated Research

- Territory Labor Government Housing and Community Development Policy
- Territory Labor Government Local Government Policy
- Territory Labor Government Essential Services Policy
- Territory Labor Government Public Employment Policy
- ALP Barkly Sub Branch Motion – Renewable Energy

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#### Conference Participation Summary

- Key Note Speaker - Territory Labor - Remote Housing Policy 2016 – 2026
- Conference Motion Support Speaker; Australian Labor Party – Barkly Sub-Branch Solar – Hydrogen Renewable Energy Policy

The annual Territory Labor Conference provides Australian Labor Party Sub-Branches with the democratic opportunity for researching, drafting, soliciting Sub-Branch support and presenting Motions to conference essentially contributing to a Labor Government 'grass-roots' policy.

The Australian Labor Party Barkly Sub-Branch has experienced significant enhancement and social development over the past 8 years representing increased membership, community action networks and policy input into the annual conferences.

Barkly's 2017 motions encompassed proposed administrative changes and Labor's alternative energy policy including renewable energy following a three year intensive policy input with significant successful policy outcomes including the 2017 motion facilitating important research and development of Solar-Hydrogen energy production based in Tennant Creek.

In addition the Territory Labor Conference 2017 provided an important forum for Government Minister's to conduct briefings for conference delegates, members and participants on important portfolio responsibilities representing critical Labor policy including Housing and Community Development.

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### Recommendations

1. Using MLA Basic Allowance; Clause 6.1 of RTD No.1 travel for attending the Annual Territory Labor Conference should be seen as an equitable use of the entitlement in relation to 'grass roots' input into Government policy.
2. Using MLA Basic Allowance; Clause 6.1 of RTD No.1 travel for attending portfolio opportunities such as targeted conference opportunities and forums outside of the electorate represents a productive use of travel entitlements and tax payer funds.
3. Using MLA Basic Allowance; Clause 6.1 of RTD No.1 travel for attending professional association conferences represent excellent research, networking and policy development opportunities and efficient use of travel entitlements and tax payer funds.

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