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Inquiry into the provisions of the Family Assistance and Other Legislation  
Amendment Bill 2011

Northern Land Council Submission

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**FAMILY ASSISTANCE AND OTHER LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2011**

The Northern Land Council (NLC) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Community Affairs Legislation Committee regarding its enquiry into the provisions of the *Family Assistance and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2011*.

The bill proposes, inter alia, to amend the *Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976 (Land Rights Act)* to provide that the *Public Works Committee Act 1969* does not apply to Aboriginal Land Trusts.

The NLC supports this amendment. It accords with the practice of all parties since the inception of the *Land Rights Act* in 1976.