



# Public hearings in the Northern Territory for Indigenous employment inquiry

The House of Representatives Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Affairs Committee will begin a three day program of public hearings and inspections next week in the Northern Territory as part of its inquiry into Indigenous employment.

The Committee is looking at positive Indigenous employment outcomes with a view to informing future policy development.

Committee Chairman Mr Barry Wakelin (Member for Grey, SA) says “We look forward to hearing about the important factors that have contributed to Indigenous employment successes in the Northern Territory and how best to work with Indigenous communities to create more employment opportunities”.

Public hearings and inspections will be held in **Darwin** next Monday (**11 July**) and in **Alice Springs** on Tuesday and Wednesday (**12 & 13 July**). The Committee will hear from a number of organisations, including:

- Northern Land Council;
- Arnhemland Progress Association Inc;
- AFL Northern Territory;
- Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation;
- Institute for Aboriginal Development Inc;
- Alice Springs Town Council;
- Tangentyere Council;
- Central Land Council;
- Alice Springs Desert Park;
- Central Australian Aboriginal Media Association; and
- Footprints Forward Inc.

The Committee will continue to receive submissions and interested persons and organisations are encouraged to contact the secretariat if they wish to participate in the inquiry.

Further details on the inquiry, including the complete terms of reference, background documents, and advice on making submissions can be obtained on the Committee’s website at [www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/atsia](http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/atsia) or by contacting the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4559 or emailing [atsia.reps@aph.gov.au](mailto:atsia.reps@aph.gov.au).

**For media comment:**

Please contact the Committee Chairman Barry Wakelin on Mobile 0429 900 910 or telephone (08) 8633 1744

**For background information:**

Please contact the Inquiry Secretary, Cheryl Scarlett, on 0421 611 182