



Appendix D: Northern Territory Statehood seminar programme¹

Venues:

Alice Springs - 14 November 2006

Ellery Room
Alice Springs Convention Centre

Darwin - 15-16 November 2006

Strangers Lounge
Legislative Assembly
of the Northern Territory

Darwin format:

Each 90 minute session in Darwin to consist of:

Principal speakers	10 minutes per speaker
Questions from Committee members to the principal speakers	20-30 minutes
Comments from additional invited guests and public	20-30 minutes
Plus additional open discussion session at conclusion of each day	30-45 minutes

¹ This version of the programme reflects the structure of the seminar and those who attended, but not the order of speakers.

Tuesday 14 November 2006 – Alice Springs

10:25am	Welcome	The Hon Peter Slipper MP
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10:30am	Future status of Commonwealth land in the Northern Territory and Aboriginal land rights	
(10:30am – 11:10am)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Hon Warren Snowdon MP (Member for Lingiari) ▪ Mr Bernie Kilgariff (former NT Senator) ▪ Mr John Liddle (Male Health Coordinator, Central Australian Aboriginal Congress) with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Dr Martin Mowbray (Congress Research and Policy Officer) 	
(11:10am – 11:30am)	(Questions from the Committee)	
(11:30am – 12:00pm)	Group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Members of the NT Statehood Steering Committee ▪ Members of the NT Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee 	

12:00pm **Lunch**

1:00pm	Session resumption	
(1:00pm – 1:40pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms Shirley McPherson (Chairperson, Indigenous Land Corporation) with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Mr Paul Hayes (ILC Principal Legal Officer) ▪ Ms Jayne Weepers (Policy Officer, Central Land Council) 	
(1:40 – 2:00pm)	(Questions from the Committee)	
(2:00pm – 2:25pm)	Group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Members of the NT Statehood Steering Committee ▪ Members of the NT Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee 	

2:25pm **Open Public Discussion**

2:45pm **Conclusion of Alice Springs session**

Wednesday 15 November 2006 - Darwin

8:30am Registration

<p>9:00am Session One <i>Principal Speakers</i></p>	<p>Seminar Opening and Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Hon Peter Slipper MP - Welcome ▪ The Hon Syd Stirling MLA (Minister for Statehood, NT Government)
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<p>9:30am Session Two <i>Principal Speakers</i></p>	<p>Recent Northern Territory Developments on statehood and proposals to advance statehood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms Barbara McCarthy MLA (Chair NT Statehood Steering Committee) ▪ Mrs Sue Bradley (Co-chair NT Statehood Steering Committee) ▪ The Hon Stephen Hatton (Former Chief Minister, NT) ▪ Mr Jamey Robertson (Secretary, Unions NT) ▪ Senator Trish Crossin (NT Senator)
<p><i>Other session participants</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Representative of the NT Local Government Association ▪ Members of the NT Statehood Steering Committee ▪ Members of the NT Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

11:15am Morning Break

<p>11:30am Session Three <i>Principal Speakers</i></p>	<p>Commonwealth constitutional matters and achieving statehood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Hon Dean Mildren (Justice of the NT Supreme Court) ▪ Mr Graham Nicholson (Legal adviser to NT Statehood Steering Committee) ▪ Mr Tom Pauling QC (NT Solicitor-General)
<p><i>Other session participants</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Representative of the Constitutional Policy Unit, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department ▪ Representative of the NT Department of Justice ▪ Members of the NT Statehood Steering Committee ▪ Members of the NT Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

1:00pm Lunch

2:15pm Session Four **Representation of the new state in the Federal Parliament and future status of Commonwealth legislation currently applying to the Northern Territory**

Principal Speakers

- Mr David Tollner MP (Member for Solomon)
- The Hon Austin Asche AC QC (Chair, NT Law Reform Committee)

Other session participants

- Representative of the Australian Electoral Commission
- Representative of the NT Electoral Commission
- Representative of the NT Department of Justice
- Members of the NT Statehood Steering Committee
- Members of the NT Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

3:30pm **Afternoon break**

4:00pm Session Five **Open Public Discussion**

4:45pm **Conclusion of Day One of Darwin sessions**

Thursday 16 November 2006 - Darwin

<p>9:00am Session One</p> <p><i>Principal Speakers</i></p>	<p>Future control of industrial relations and financial relations between a new state and the Commonwealth</p> <p>Financial Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Alan Morris (Chairperson, Commonwealth Grants Commission) ▪ Ms Jennifer Prince (Under Treasurer, NT Department of Treasury) <p>Industrial Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Justin Larkin (Employment Advocate of the Office of Commissioner for Public Employment) ▪ Mr Chris Young (CEO, Chamber of Commerce NT) ▪ Mr Joe Gallagher (President, Unions NT)
<p><i>Other session participants</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Representative of the Commonwealth Department of Employment and Workplace Relations ▪ Representative of the NT Trades and Labour Council ▪ Representative of NT Department of Business, Economic and Regional Development ▪ Members of the NT Statehood Steering Committee ▪ Members of the NT Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

10:45am Morning break

<p>11:00am Session Two</p> <p><i>Principal Speakers</i></p>	<p>Future Status of Commonwealth Land in the Northern Territory and Aboriginal land rights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Kelvin Costello (Coordinator, Larrakia Nation Aboriginal Corporation) ▪ Mr John Daly (Chairman, Northern Land Council) ▪ Mr Dennis Bree (Deputy Chief Executive, NT Office of Indigenous Policy) ▪ Mr Joe Procter (Managing Director, Indigenous Energy Pty Ltd)
<p><i>Other session participants</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Representative of the National Native Title Tribunal ▪ Representative of the NT Local Government Association ▪ Representative of the NT Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines ▪ Members of the NT Statehood Steering Committee ▪ Members of the NT Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

12:30pm Lunch

<p>1:30pm Session Three</p> <p><i>Principal Speakers</i></p>	<p>Mineral and uranium resource issues, and future ownership and management of Commonwealth National Parks and Marine Protected Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms Kezia Purick (Chief Executive, NT Minerals Council) ▪ Mr Graeme Neate (President, National Native Title Tribunal)
<p><i>Other session participants</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Representative of the Northern Land Council ▪ Representatives of the NT Department of Natural Resources, Environment and the Arts ▪ Representatives of the NT Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines ▪ Representative of the Environment Centre of the NT ▪ Members of the NT Statehood Steering Committee ▪ Members of the NT Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee

3:00pm Afternoon Break

3:30pm Session Four Open Public Discussion

4:15pm Concluding Remarks **The Hon Peter Slipper MP**

4:30pm Seminar Close