

## **SENATE COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

### **INQUIRY INTO GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE ON INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

#### **Terms of Reference**

On 15 September 2008 the Senate referred the following matter to the Community Affairs Committee for inquiry and report by 4 December 2008:

The levels of Federal and Northern Territory Government expenditure on Indigenous affairs and social services in the Northern Territory, including expenditure on services for families, children and people with disabilities in the Northern Territory, with particular reference to:

- (a) the level of service delivery and of outcomes achieved in Indigenous communities in the Northern Territory in relation to the expenditure of both Federal and Northern Territory monies; and
- (b) whether the Northern Territory Government's expenditure of goods and services tax receipts accurately reflects the Commonwealth Grants Commission's funding formula for the expenditure of such receipts by program, by location, and by intended service recipient for meeting disadvantage and regional need.

Written submissions are invited and should be addressed to:

**The Secretary  
Senate Community Affairs Committee  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600**

**Closing date for the receipt of submissions is 22 October 2008.**

The Committee prefers to receive submissions electronically as an attached document - email: [community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au](mailto:community.affairs.sen@aph.gov.au)

Submissions become Committee documents and are made public only after a decision by the Committee. Publication of submissions includes loading them onto the internet and their being available to other interested parties including the media. Persons making submissions must not release them without the approval of the Committee. Submissions are covered by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not protected.

Following consideration of submissions, the Committee will hold public hearings. The Committee will consider all submissions and may invite individuals and organisations to give evidence at the public hearings.

Information relating to Senate Committee inquiries, including notes to assist in the preparation of submissions for a Committee, can be located on the internet at [http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit\\_sub/index.htm](http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/wit_sub/index.htm)

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