Appendix 1.2

Instrument of Appointment - Board of Inquiry

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Inquiries Act

Appointment of Board of Inquiry

I, Paul Raymond Henderson, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, exercise the following powers under the Inquiries Act:

(a) appoint the following persons to be a Board of Inquiry to inquire into and report to me on the matters mentioned in the Schedule:
   (i)    Howard Ian Bath;
   (ii)   Robert David Riseby;
   (iii)  Muriel Pauline Bamblett;

(b) specify that any member may constitute a quorum of the Board;

(c) appoint each of the members as co-chairman of the Board.

Dated 9 DECEMBER 2009

[Signature]

Chief Minister
SCHEDULE

Inquire into and report on the following matters:

- the child protection system in the Territory, including the functions and responsibilities of the branch of the Agency administering the Care and Protection of Children Act and other service providers involved in child protection;
- specific approaches to address the needs of Territory children, including the delivery of child protection services in regional and remote areas as part of the Government’s Working Future policy;
- support systems and operational procedures for workers engaged in child protection, including staff retention and training;
- quality, sustainability and strategic directions of out of home care programs, including support systems for foster parents, carers and families;
- the interaction between Agencies involved in child protection, non-Government organisations and other groups involved in child protection;
- findings and recommendations arising out of recent coronial inquiries involving child protection issues and other recent investigations, reviews and inquiries into the functioning of the child protection system;
- child protection issues and developments at the local, national and international level and its implications for the Territory.