

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 Roseby;
 - (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



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.