

INTER DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNITY SAFETY WORKING GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Inter-Departmental Community Safety Working Group will oversight the planning and delivery of strategies and activities across Northern Territory Government agencies and funded services that relate to:

- the prevention of crime (including child abuse, family and domestic violence) and the creation of safe communities;
- the minimisation of alcohol and substance related harm;
- the implementation of Government's public safety model and the reduction of anti-social behaviour;
- the implementation of the Youth Justice Strategy; and
- homelessness and housing stress in the Northern Territory.

Decisions of the IDCSWG will be guided by the goals, principles and parameters issued by Government in various policy and framework statements.

The IDCSWG will be Chaired by the Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Department of Justice and comprise membership from Executive Officers from the Departments of the Chief Minister; Local Government and Housing; Education and Training; Health and Families, Planning and Infrastructure; Northern Territory Treasury and Northern Territory Police. Other Departments may be requested to attend a full meeting or part of a meeting when approved by the membership. The IDCSWG will meet monthly.

The IDCSWG will meet regularly with representatives from the Australian and local Government and meet quarterly as the Advisory Group to the Safe Communities Schedules of the Charles Darwin University and Bachelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education Partnerships.

The IDCSWG will:

- Identify and prioritise whole-of-government actions, programs, policies and other initiatives as necessary.
- Monitor the implementation of activities and address any issues requiring collaboration across Departments.
- Ensure strategic coordination, planning and cooperation across Departments.
- Engage all Departments in active support of activities and initiatives.
- Assist with development of strategy proposals and make recommendations about the allocation of new funds.

- Facilitate timely access to data, expertise and other resources.
- Monitor strategy outcomes and emerging issues to inform strategic developments.
- Discuss and comment as appropriate on any activities initiated.
- Work in partnership with other stakeholders to ensure coordination and consistency in activities addressing critical issues in the Northern Territory.

Strategic Priorities for 2009 include:

- the development and oversight of a Territory-wide strategy to address homelessness and housing stress;
- further investigation of regional transport systems as a means of promoting social inclusion and addressing antisocial behaviour;
- the oversight of new family violence policy and service initiatives and development of a new whole of Government Family Violence Strategy; and
- TO BE FINALISED. ANY ADDITIONAL PRIORITY AREAS.