



Instrument of Appointment and Board of Inquiry's Task

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

Inquiries Act

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF INQUIRY

I, CLARE MAJELLA MARTIN, Chief Minister of the Northern Territory, exercise the following powers under the *Inquiries Act*:

- (a) appoint Rex Stephen Leslie Wild QC and Patricia Anderson to be a Board of Inquiry to inquire into and report to me on the matters involved in carrying out the Board of Inquiry's task as stated in the Schedule;
- (b) specify that either member may constitute a quorum of the Board; and
- (c) appoint both the members as Co-chairmen of the Board.

Dated 8 August 2006.

Clare Martin
Chief Minister

SCHEDULE

THE BOARD OF INQUIRY'S TASK

Examine the extent, nature and factors contributing to sexual abuse of Aboriginal children, with a particular focus on unreported incidents of such abuse.

Identify barriers and issues associated with the provision of effective responses to and protection against sexual abuse for Aboriginal children.

Consider practices, procedures and resources of NT Government agencies with direct responsibilities in this area (Family & Children Services and Police), and also consider how all tiers of government and non-government agencies might contribute to a more effective protection and response network.

Consider how the NT Government can help support communities to effectively prevent and tackle child sexual abuse.