LGANT Submission to the **EXPENDITURE ON CHILDREN IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Via online to: **www.pc.gov.au/nt-children**

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**About this submission**

This submission is in response to the Productivity Commission’s inquiry into government expenditure on children and family services in the Northern Territory.

**Table 1**

**Specific services and programs**

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| **Number** | **Services and Programs by Councils** | **Grant Income**  **$** |
| **1.** | **Alice Springs Town Council** |  |
|  | Safer streets programme  Youth Vibe holidays and programs | 4,000  7,000 |
| **2.** | **Barkly Regional Council** |  |
|  | Safe house program  Community safety patrol program  Alcohol actions initiative | 39,000  218,000  16,000 |
| **3.** | **Belyuen** |  |
|  | Home care support | 258,000 |
| **4.** | **Central Desert Regional Council** |  |
|  | Community safety patrols program  Outside school hours care  Disability in home support | 3,402,000  325,000  30,000 |
| **5.** | **City of Darwin** |  |
|  | Fun bus program | 103,000 |
| **6.** | **East Arnhem Regional Council** |  |
|  | Home care, home support and disability services  Community safety patrol  Sobering up shelter | 6,700,0000 |
| **7.** | **MacDonnell Regional Council** |  |
|  | Volatile substance abuse  Youth diversion services  Youth vibe grant | 80,000  132,000  21,000 |
| **8.** | **Tiwi Islands Regional Council** |  |
|  | Community safety patrols  Outside school hours care  Youth diversion services | 1,054,000  191,000  223,000 |

**Table 1 (continued)**

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| **Number** | **Services and Programs by Council** | **Grant Income**  **$** |
| **9.** | **West Arnhem Regional Council** |  |
|  | Women’s safe house Gunbalanya  Outside school hours care  Home support | 425,000  84,000  188,000 |
| **10.** | **West Daly Regional Council** |  |
|  | Home support  Community safety patrols | 581000  1,196,000 |

Some of the challenges that councils face in delivering services generally are highlighted in the 2018-2022 Regional Plan of the Central Desert Regional Council (<https://centraldesert.nt.gov.au/sites/centraldesert.nt.gov.au/files/attachments/cdrc_regional_council_regional_plan_2018_2022.pdf>) which states: