

SUBMISSION IN RESPONSE TO:

**Discussion Paper, Modernisation of the *Anti-Discrimination Act*, September
2017**

DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND JUSTICE



29th January 2018

Director, Legal Policy
Department of the Attorney-General and Justice
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Dear Director,

As the peak body for community managed mental health services in the Northern Territory, the Northern Territory Mental Health Coalition (the Coalition) broadly supports reforms to the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1992*, as outlined in the Discussion Paper (2017).

The Coalition acknowledges that freedom from discrimination is essential to mental health and wellbeing, both for individuals and the wider community.

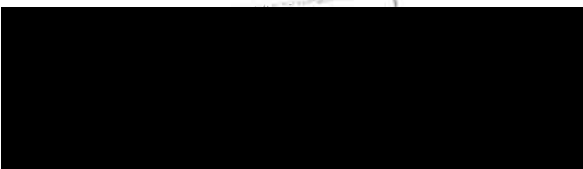
The modernisation of the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1992* addresses and removes structural discrimination within the Northern Territory, and thereby promotes the mental health and wellbeing of all Territorians.

The Coalition wishes to endorse the submissions of the following two agencies, as they relate to particular questions within the Discussion Paper:

- Regarding the Discussion Paper's questions that most explicitly relate to Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual Transgender, Inter-sex, Queer and Asexual (LGBTQIA) peoples, the Coalition unreservedly endorses the submission of **Rainbow Territory**.
- Regarding all other questions raised in the Discussion paper, the Coalition unreservedly endorses the submission of the **Northern Territory Council of Social Services (NTCOSS)**.

I thank you for this opportunity for the community managed mental health sector to have input an important area of legislative reform.

Yours Sincerely,



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