

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO THE ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT TO SERVE ON JURIES

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Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

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Dear Ms Robertson

Inquiry into the eligibility of Members of Parliament to serve on juries

Thank you for your invitation to provide a submission to your inquiry.

It is advised that the Northern Territory Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee considered this item at a recent meeting.

The Northern Territory *Juries Act* provides exemption for Members of the Legislative Assembly to serve as a juror. All members of the Committee agreed that it was inappropriate for Members of Parliament to serve on a jury as it could result in a conflict of interest and there should be a separation of powers between the Parliament and the Courts.

Yours sincerely


JANE AAGAARD
Chair

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