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NT INDEPENDENT COMMISSIONER AGAINST CORRUPTION

NT ICAC calls for certainty and transparency in procurement and contracts management

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The NT Independent Commissioner Against Corruption (ICAC), Ken Fleming QC will hold a series of public information sessions to explain the role and functions of the ICAC and to better understand the business community's perceptions of the NT Government's procurement, contracts management, tendering and grants processes.

"For the Territory to prosper, the business community must have confidence and trust in public administration," Commissioner Fleming said.

"When the business community doesn't trust public administration they won't invest and as a result everyone suffers from less competition and higher prices.

"Those businesses or organisations who have a business relationship with the NT Government play a key role in identifying improper conduct in public administration."

The Office of the ICAC has invited Territory businesses and organisations who deal with the NT Government to attend the ICAC public information sessions to be held across the Territory in April and May.

The information sessions are designed to give business owners and directors on small boards more information about their obligations to actively resist and report improper conduct in public administration.

Any business or board which takes its legal obligations and risks seriously should send someone to attend the information sessions or educate themselves by reviewing the material on the ICAC website.

The ICAC has powers to investigate any body, whether incorporated or not, that directly or indirectly receives NT Government resources including money, assets, infrastructure, intellectual property, licences, human resources or any other resources.

These bodies have a mandatory obligation to report improper conduct to the ICAC and protect whistleblowers, and failure to do so has serious consequences for business owners and board members, and the organisations they work for.

Information session dates and times*

- Darwin – 16 April at 5.00pm, North Australia Development Office, 76 The Esplanade
- Palmerston – 17 April at 5.30pm, Palmerston Community Centre, 11 The Boulevard
- Alice Springs – 24 April at 6.30pm, Alice Springs Civic Centre, 93 Todd Street
- Katherine – 13 May at 4.30pm, Katherine Civic Centre, Lot 1865 Stuart Highway

**Information sessions to be held in Tennant Creek and Nhulunbuy will be announced in coming weeks.*

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Attendees must register through the ICAC website icac.nt.gov.au/education-and-training/events.

The information sessions will be presented by the ICAC, Mr Ken Fleming QC. Mr Fleming was appointed as the ICAC in June 2018 to recognise and address improper conduct in the NT public sector.

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