



**CMC inquiry into policing in Indigenous communities**

**Cairns Convention Centre  
Corner Wharf and Sheridan Streets**

**Tuesday 16 October 2007**

**~ Outline for public forum ~**

- 8:30** Welcome Tea & Coffee
- 8:50** Media entry to hearing room
- 9.00 - 9.05** **CMC Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners**  
**Welcome to Country, Seith Fourmile, Gimuy Walubarra Yibinji**
- 9.05 - 9.20** Introduction, CMC Chairperson, Robert Needham (15 mins)
- 9.20 - 10.15** **Background**  
How has the inquiry been conducted to date?  
What are the resource challenges confronting QPS in these communities?  
What are the key police priorities and practices in these communities?  
What are the views of community members on policing and the relationship with the police?
- 10.15 - 10.30** **Morning tea**
- 10.30 - 12.30** **Ideas for effective policing**  
What are the key features of effective policing in these communities?
  - What factors underpin a good relationship?
  - What attributes of police officers are important?
    - Personal characteristics
    - Preparation and support for officers in these communities
    - Actively managing relations.
  - Responsiveness to community needs.
  - Are there other policing strategies that might assist?
- 12.30 - 1.30** **Lunch**



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**1.30 – 2.15      How can these key features be operationalised?**

- How does this fit with the new police service delivery model?
- What are the impediments?

**2.15 – 3.00      Local community safety plans**

What is the potential of local community safety plans (or similar) to meet community and police needs?

- Why haven't they happened when they've been previously recommended?
- What would be needed to make these successful? What are the impediments?

**3.00 - 3.15      Afternoon Tea**

**3.15 - 4.30      Local community safety plans (*cont.*)**

To address community concerns, what might be some of the key topics and how might we go about it in these particular issues?

- E.g. noisy parties, juvenile offending.
- What can we learn from the experience of policing alcohol restrictions?
- Potential for trial projects?

**4:30              Closing Address by CMC Chairperson, Robert Needham**

**(Another potential topic for discussion, time permitting, may be detention in police custody)**