



**NORTHERN TERRITORY VIEWS ON
CGC STAFF DISCUSSION PAPER 2008/24**

PUBLIC SAFETY

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**COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION
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Key Points

- The Territory supports the Commission's proposed Public Safety assessment.
- The Territory suggests including the assessment of Public Safety under the 'Other Services' assessment in order to simplify the assessment process.

Introduction

This submission details the Northern Territory's views on issues raised in the Commonwealth Grants Commission's (the Commission's) Position Paper, 2008/24, *Public Safety* (the paper).

The commission proposes:

- assessing service use on an equal per capita basis;
- including common factors where appropriate;
- excluding an urban complexity assessment due to lack of evidence;
- to assess location for both interstate and intrastate costs associated with wage and non-wage related inputs;
- not to include an assessment of use rates;
- to assess administrative scale;
- not to make an assessment of National Capital;
- assessing Public Safety under two components; administrative scale and service expenses component.

Northern Territory Comments

The Territory supports the Commission's proposed assessment and would also support further implication of categories with amalgamation of Public Safety into the Other Services assessment subject to clarification of the application of the location factor in both assessments.