ATTORNEY-GENERAL

STILL MORE TO DO AFTER TWENTY YEARS

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Attorney-General John Elferink has congratulated the Anti-Discrimination Commission on 20 years of service to the Northern Territory community.

“As an independent Northern Territory agency, the Commission is responsible for ensuring the right to equality of opportunity for Territorians is respected and is responsible for the elimination of discrimination and sexual harassment,” Mr Elferink said.

“Successive Commissioners have worked tirelessly to uphold that responsibility, no more so than the current Commissioner, Sally Sievers.

“The Commission first came into the public arena with the publication in 1995 of the Guideline for Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace.

“The Commission has since had enormous influence in the public debate on removing all forms of discrimination in the community.

“Among the Anti-Discrimination Commission's many achievements is its involvement from 2003-2005 to remove harassment in sport under the ‘Play by the Rules’ campaign and the ‘Willing and Able’ employment strategy of people with disability.

“In 2012, then Commissioner Eddie Cubillo became the first Territory Anti-Discrimination Commissioner to be invited to attend the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in New York, signalling just how far the Commission has come over the past 20 years.

“While the Commission has achieved a great deal in its lifetime, the work is far from over.

“Discrimination and inequality is still present in society and we must all do what we can to eliminate its causes and ensure all Territorians are treated equally,” Mr Elferink said.

The Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commission was first officially recognised with the signing of the Anti-Discrimination Act on 1 August 1993.

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