Chief Minister, Clare Martin, today announced that consultants, Minter Ellison, have released a draft report providing recommendations and options for the establishment of an independent Electoral Commission in the Northern Territory.

"The establishment of this commission was an election commitment and will bring us into line with most other Australian states and ensure a fair and proper systems of electing Governments," she said.

"As such, I encourage all Territorians to have a look at the report and think about the options and recommendations," Ms Martin said.

"The draft report is the result of a review and extensive community consultation process and takes into account the comments from a number of written submissions.

"It provides a comprehensive assessment of options aimed at achieving best practice in electoral administration."

Ms Martin stressed that this is a draft report so there is a further opportunity for Territorians to have a say in the future direction our electoral system.

"Comment on the draft report is required by the end of July and will be considered by the consultants when they prepare the final report to Government in mid August," she said.


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