

Media Release: Celebrating 25 Years of NT *Anti-Discrimination Act*

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A significant milestone, in the protection of the Territorian fundamental human right to non-discrimination and equality before the law, was celebrated last night during the SPUN live storytelling event at the Darwin Festival.

Sally Sievers, Anti-Discrimination Commissioner said that event showcased some of the extraordinary people and their stories that make up the Northern Territory.

“We were looking to tell the stories that might not make our main stream media.

“Creative Director, Johanna Bell and her team put together a diverse array of stories dealing with issues we see every day at the Commission.

“Stories which address the stigma around mental health, changes in the way Domestic and Family Violence is viewed and the immense contribution of our vibrant multi-cultural community to the Territory,” said Ms Sievers.

“Over the last 25 years, Territorians have used the legislation to resolve complaints in an array of areas, race discrimination, discrimination against people with a disability in the area of work and access to education and the community, and sexual harassment, just to name a few.

“The Commission has been and will continue to be proactive in education and training in the community on equality of opportunity for those Territorians vulnerable to the impact of discrimination and who are not being given a fair go.

“We look forward to working with the Government and NT community to modernise the *Anti-Discrimination Act* to ensure it best meets the needs of the Territory for the next 25 years, to ensure we are the safe, diverse and inclusive community we know we can be,” she said.

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