

Anti-Discrimination Commissioner visits Alice Springs

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NTWLA held a drinks event with the Northern Territory Anti-Discrimination Commissioner, Sally Sievers, in Alice Springs on 1 November 2017. The event, held at Monte's Lounge, was an excellent opportunity for the Commissioner to discuss her role and the function of the Anti-Discrimination Commission with NTWLA members.

The Commissioner was visiting Central Australia to discuss the proposed reforms to the *Anti-Discrimination Act (NT)* with local organisations, community groups and practitioners. NTWLA was pleased to give its Alice Springs members an opportunity to talk about these reforms directly with Ms Sievers, a number of which were discussed as being particularly relevant women practitioners. These included the addition of domestic violence as an attribute under the Act, and the modernisation of the Act to ensure

that gender identity, sexual orientation, and intersex status are also protected attributes.

The event was also a great opportunity for young women practitioners to ask questions of a senior colleague and to hear about Ms Sievers career trajectory and some of her experiences practising as a lawyer in the Northern Territory.

Many thanks to the Anti-Discrimination Commissioner for her time and to our NTWLA executive members for their work in organising the event.

We look forward to more opportunities to meet and connect as women lawyers in Alice Springs in 2018.

