MAKING IT WORK:
THE NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT – UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Schedule 1.1

Issues
The parties agree the key issues to be addressed are:

- The need to embed the Partnership in the mainstream of each party’s culture.
- The need to ensure that Partnership Schedules are effectively managed and produce robust outcomes that are relevant to the stated objectives of the Partnership Agreement.
- That individual schedule working parties have the delegation and authority to assign human, financial and infrastructure resources and enter into appropriate agreements to achieve schedule outcomes.
- That the Government and University work cooperatively on matters that do not form schedules to the Partnership Agreement, but opportunities to support each other, or opportunities for mutual benefit arise through cooperation and/or joint activities.

Goals
To nurture a dynamic and sustainable Partnership that brings mutual benefit to both parties and the future development of the Territory.

Strategies
The parties agree the strategies they will employ are:

- The Peak Group will meet at least four times each year, will oversight Schedule progress, ensure effective communication of Partnership activities, and report to Cabinet and Council as required.
- The Peak Group may, as required, establish special groups to work on matters of mutual strategic significance and to explore potential areas of new cooperation and the desired outcomes from this cooperation.
- The Peak Group will continually review for best practice the protocols that guide the development and assessment of schedules, including: mutual development and leverage potential; capacity to deal with once-off specific issues; capacity for mutual benefit; and ability to link Government and University policy and strategy; timeframes, principals and objectives, communication confidentiality, participants and responsibilities. This task will be ongoing.
Prioritise Partnership Schedules and delegate authority to joint working groups to achieve Schedule outcomes.

The Peak Group will respond to demand and change and this activity will be ongoing.

The Peak Group will undertake regular reviews of:
(a) existing capacity/areas of University to work with Government,
(b) the immediate needs of Government that the University can meet and deliver on, and
(c) future areas of development for cooperation and collaboration.

**Performance Indicators**

*The parties agree the indicators to be used are:*

- 10% increase in student population during the life of the Agreement (June 2003 – May 2006).
- 50% increase in non-NTGovernment research funding received by the University during the life of the Agreement.
- Minimum of four Peak Group meetings per year.
- A Newsletter produced each six months.
- Maintenance of a relevant and current website.
- List of approved Schedules to be published following annual evaluation of the Agreement by Cabinet and University Council.
- Responsible officer/s assigned to each Schedule appropriate to its topic and development.
- Assessment of each Schedule’s progress at six monthly intervals against agreed performance indicators.
- Completed annual audit of capacity need and capability and gap analysis.