

YES Case - Fireworks should be legal on special days

- The Northern Territory allows fireworks to celebrate Territory Day on 1 July. This a long held tradition and a much loved community event.
- The NT already has restrictions in place to keep the community safe from fireworks, like you can only buy fireworks and set them off at certain times, and only on Territory Day.
- Injuries and other incidents are rare and most people use their fireworks responsibly. Why should the majority of people who do the right thing be punished when only a small group do the wrong thing?
- Allowing the use of personal fireworks on Territory Day is very good for the Northern Territory's economy. Fireworks are hugely popular and people come from interstate just for this event.

NO Case - Fireworks should NOT be legal on special days

- Fireworks are already banned in every state and territory, except the Northern Territory. These laws should be the same everywhere in Australia.
- Fireworks should only be used by licensed professionals as they can be dangerous to people and property. Every year in the Northern Territory there are accidents and injuries from fireworks.
- While there may be restrictions on fireworks use for Territory Day, these are often ignored. There are always fireworks let off on days when it is not allowed.
- Fireworks are terrifying for dogs which makes Territory Day very difficult for dog owners and the council who pick up runaway dogs. This is especially difficult when fireworks are let off on days it is not allowed.