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### **SUE BRADLEY COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR**

### **82% OF TERRITORIANS SAY 'YES' TO STATEHOOD**

The Northern Territory Statehood Steering Committee today published the results of the 2006 Statehood Survey today which shows only 7% of Territorians say 'no' to Statehood, and an overwhelming 82% support a continued move to Statehood for the Northern Territory.

The Committee surveyed 1012 Territorians between March and the end of October 2006 asking seven questions about Statehood.

Question 7 asked: *Do you support a continued move toward Statehood for the Northern Territory?* 826 said 'yes' 73 said 'no' with 74 needing 'more information' and 39 saying they 'don't care'.

"The survey shows us Territorians are supportive of Statehood if we get it right." Committee Co-Chair Sue Bradley said today.

The survey also showed 50% of Territorians would not support Statehood if we had less than an equal number of Senators compared to existing States.

85% of those surveyed need to know the Commonwealth's proposed terms and conditions of Statehood before they decide to support the final Statehood model, and 84% want us to be an 'equal state'.

"The survey results will be forwarded to both the Territory and Commonwealth Governments to prepare for Statehood.

"Both Governments need to make sure they come up with terms and conditions that will be acceptable to a majority of Territorians.

"The Statehood Committee in the meantime is working on a Constitutional Options Paper which will be released for consultation early in 2007.

"We have more work to do but these results are very encouraging." Mrs Bradley said.

The complete survey results can be seen on the Statehood Steering Committee's website under the 'Have your Say' tab.

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