

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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

### **ALICE EXPO & SCHOOLS CHALLENGE**

The Northern Territory Statehood Steering Committee returns to Alice Springs this month with two days at the Central Australian Expo and a *Statehood Challenge* with local schools.

“The views of people from Central Australia are a vital part of any move toward Statehood and we are pleased to be back in Alice Springs to take part in promoting the role of the Committee” Co-Chair Sue Bradley said today.

#### **EXPO**

The Central Australian Expo offers an opportunity to showcase Statehood information alongside businesses displaying their goods and services. It emphasises that Statehood is the proper basis for our prosperity and future economic development.

“Our two days at the Expo will show the issue of Statehood is something relevant to all Territorians.” Sue Bradley said.

#### **SCHOOLS**

The Statehood Steering Committee in conjunction with the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly’s Parliamentary Liaison and Information Unit will be conducting a Statehood Challenge for senior students on 16 March 2006.

The Challenges are aimed at informing students while allowing them to reach their own conclusions. Students are provided information and undertake debates, role plays and discussions on the issues.

Two Challenges were held in Darwin during 2005 with great success.

As a result students have gained a greater understanding of the issues surrounding Statehood by participating in these events.

When considering young people and Statehood Sue Bradley said “Talking to students in schools is an essential part of our ongoing education work. We have to make sure young Territorians can make informed decisions about their future”.

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