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COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW MINISTER, NEW CHAIR, NEW MEMBERS

SUE BRADLEY CO-CHAIR

At its meeting in Darwin today the Northern Territory Statehood Steering Committee welcomed the recent appointment of a Minister for Statehood, the Hon Syd Stirling MLA. The new Minister provides the Committee with a focus to discuss with Government its important role in negotiations on the terms and conditions of Statehood with the Commonwealth Government.

The Committee also welcomed new Chair Barbara McCarthy MLA to her first Statehood Steering Committee meeting.

“The new Chair brings her extensive experience in media and communications and representing the Arnhem electorate to the Committee” said Co-Chair Sue Bradley.

The Statehood Steering Committee also acknowledged the work of the outgoing Chair Mr Elliot McAdam MLA and wished him well in his new role as Minister for Central Australia.

“Elliot McAdam was the founding Chair of the Committee and his legacy is highly regarded by Committee members and Territorians alike” said Mrs Bradley.

New Committee Members Mr Maurie Ryan and Mr Wayne Connop were also in attendance for the first time.

“These new appointments refresh our Committee and demonstrate the importance of the work we are doing in our ongoing discussions with Territorians about Statehood.

“We have an important year ahead as we continue education and discussion and look forward to publishing a detailed Constitutional Options Paper for consultation in 2007.

“Statehood remains important for the Northern Territory; All Territorians have the opportunity to take part through the Committee, the Committee remains their place to talk about Statehood”.

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