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BARBARA McCARTHY TO LAUNCH STATEHOOD STORY BOARD SERIES

Young Territorians will be discovering Statehood at the launch of the Statehood Story Board Series at Parliament House tomorrow (Wednesday 9 August 2006).

Territorians and Media are invited to attend.

Barbara McCarthy MLA, from the Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, will officially launch the picture based education resources at 12 noon in the Members and Guests Lounge on behalf of the Statehood Steering Committee.

Primary school and junior high school students from around Darwin will use the new resources as they participate in a Statehood Quest from 9 am and report their findings to the Official Launch.

“Using pictures and story telling is another great way to spread the Statehood message to even more Territorians,” Barbara McCarthy said.

“Statehood communication has been shown to be the key to understanding what it is all about.

“Last year The Statehood Steering Committee asked more than 1500 Territorians about their understanding of Statehood. This Story Board Series was developed as a direct result of findings that approximately half those surveyed were not sure what Statehood means.

“By using pictures and stories the Statehood Committee has begun to reach out to remote and younger Territorians to discuss Statehood, a vital issue for all our futures” Ms McCarthy Said.

The Statehood Story Boards were on display in poster form at these years’ Shows and generated a lot of interest; this is their first official use with a young audience.

Copies of the Story Board images have now been posted on the Statehood Website under the *publications* tab.

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