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SUE BRADLEY COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR STATEHOOD FORUM – THIS WEEK

The Northern Territory Statehood Steering Committee's first Public Forum in Darwin will be held this week.

On **Wednesday 16 November at 7.00pm** the Statehood Steering Committee will –

- Convene a Public Forum at Charles Darwin University to
- Launch the first 25 Fact Sheets on Statehood
- Officially launch the www.statehood.nt.gov.au website and;
- Discuss what Statehood means for Territorians

The Forum will take place at Building 23 in Theatre 1 at Charles Darwin University. Another Forum will take place next week at Palmerston High School. Signage and directions will be available from the University Info Shop.

Northern Territory Statehood Steering Committee Co-Chair Sue Bradley today outlined what could be discussed at the Forum:

“Speakers will talk about the difference between being a Territory and a State and anything the Forum wants to discuss, can be discussed” she said.

“There will be an opportunity for anyone attending to have input about Statehood issues.

“Statehood is about participation, we have a once in a lifetime opportunity to shape our future and design the best system of government to suit Territorians, everyone should come along have a say and *Get the Facts*” Sue Bradley said when emphasising the theme of the Forum today.

Panel members from the Statehood Steering Committee will be joined by

- David Carment, Professor of History, Charles Darwin University
- Ted Dunstan, PhD student in Law, Charles Darwin University
- Ian Thynne, Professor of Governance, Charles Darwin University

In urging everyone to come along Sue Bradley said ‘Don’t leave it to someone else; the best way to have your say is to come and get involved.’

Copies of all the Fact Sheets will be made available at the Forum. For more information contact the Office of the Statehood Steering Committee statehood@nt.gov.au

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