



Malarndirri McCarthy
MINISTER FOR STATEHOOD



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Minister to Meet With Federal Colleagues

Minister for Statehood Malarndirri McCarthy left for Canberra today to update her Federal colleagues on the progress of the Northern Territory's path to Statehood.

Ms McCarthy will meet with the Chair of the House of Representative's Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee Mark Dreyfuss QC, as well as the Special Minister for State and Cabinet Secretary Senator John Faulkner, and Attorney-General Robert McClelland.

"As the Territory celebrated 30 years of self-government earlier this year, Chief Minister Paul Henderson committed to taking the next step on the path to Statehood," Ms McCarthy said.

"As part of this I think it is vital my Federal colleagues are kept abreast of the work of the Statehood Steering Committee in the Northern Territory.

"And as this is a bi-partisan process I will certainly be briefing the Opposition on my return."

Ms McCarthy, who holds the Portfolios for Women, Youth and Mental Health, will also meet with her Federal Minister counterparts for the equivalent portfolios while in Canberra.

"It is important that the NT Government, and myself as Minister with carriage of these portfolios, forge good relationships with our Federal politicians for the benefit of all Territorians."

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