

PRESS RELEASE

Statehood Awareness Campaign Launch -June 30th 2008

30 years of Self Government – It's Our Time for STATEHOOD

The Northern Territory Statehood Steering Committee (SSC) is launching its *Walking Together Towards Statehood* awareness campaign at Speakers Green, Parliament House on Monday 30th June 2008 at 5.30pm.

The Chief Minister Paul Henderson, Federal Minister for Territories Bob Debus and Opposition Leader Terry Mills will be guest speakers at the launch.

The Chooky Dancers of Arnhemland will kick off the launch.

The SSC was established in 2005 by the Northern Territory Parliament to educate and inform residents across the Northern Territory about Statehood.

Co-Chair Fran Kilgariff says, "This launch is about the Statehood Steering Committee asking Territorians whether we want to continue to be constitutionally vulnerable in making decisions about our future."

"The '*Walking Together Towards Statehood*' Awareness Campaign during the month of July provides an opportunity for people to consider our future on the 30th Anniversary of Self Government." Ms Kilgariff said.

Chair Malarndirri McCarthy says, "We want eventual constitutional equality with our fellow Australians in the six states. This will require a national strategy to harness hearts across Australia to walk with us towards Statehood."

A strong 'feet-ure' of the campaign will be the number of colourful feet available for people to sign which can then be displayed in Canberra at a later date.

Events will be held in the following locations across the Northern Territory to coincide with the Statehood stalls at the Show Circuit.

Alice Springs: Thursday 3 July 12-2pm @ Todd Mall
Tennant Creek: Thursday 10 July 2-4pm @ Peko Park

Katherine: Thursday 17 July 12-2pm @ Town Square

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