

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **SUE BRADLEY AM COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR**

### **COMMITTEE WELCOMES NEW MINISTER FOR STATEHOOD**

The Northern Territory Statehood Steering Committee today welcomed the announcement that new Chief Minister Paul Henderson would also be taking on the vitally important role of Minister for Statehood.

'The Chief Minister taking on the role reflects the importance that we should all give to our future in the Australian system of Government. The outgoing Minister for Statehood, Syd Stirling, supported our Committee's work and we wish him all the best for the future.' Committee Co Chair Sue Bradley said today.

The Minister for Statehood has the role of developing Northern Territory Government policy responses to what the Statehood Steering Committee may recommend on Statehood as well as to engage at a government to government level with the Commonwealth on the eventual terms and conditions of Statehood for the Northern Territory.

Sue Bradley said: 'The Committee hopes the new Minister for Statehood will be knocking on the door of his federal colleagues sooner rather than later to ensure that the Territory and Australian Governments work together to develop a sensible position on the terms and conditions of Statehood for the Northern Territory.'

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