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Statehood essential to Territory 2030 plans

The Statehood Committee has made a submission to the Territory 2030 Steering Committee today arguing that Statehood has a vital role in the future development of the Northern Territory.

“Our vision is that by 2030 the Territory will already be an established state. Statehood for the Territory provides the constitutional and democratic foundations on which the economic, social and environmental goals of the Territory can be achieved,” said Ms Fran Kilgariff, co-Chair of the Committee.

The submission outlines the critical importance of Statehood to Territory development:

- As a State, the Territory will have the power to develop and maintain laws that meet the needs and aspirations of Territorians without fear of being overridden by the Federal Government.
- As a State, the Territory will have a stronger voice in the national Parliament and have more influence on national policies and laws that affect Territorians.
- As a State, Territorians will be recognised as equal Australian citizens and the Territory will be seen as able to thrive under the control of its own people.

These State capacities are critical for the Northern Territory to prosper across all the strategic areas being considered by the Territory 2030 Steering Committee.

The Statehood Steering Committee members will be participating in the 2030 consultation program and will raise the importance of Statehood to the successful achievement of future direction for the Territory.

A copy of the Statehood Steering Committee’s submission is available on the Statehood website www.statehood.nt.gov.au

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