ATTORNEY GENERAL

DANGEROUS PRISONERS BILL

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Attorney General, John Elferink, has re-affirmed his commitment to reintroduce the Dangerous Prisoners (Sexual Offenders) restraint bill into Northern Territory Parliament.

Mr Elferink said the Country Liberals Government is committed to protecting the safety of all Territorians.

Legislation rejected by the Northern Territory Parliament last year will be re-introduced into Parliament later this year.

“The legislation will allow the Supreme Court to place an order on a high-risk inmate convicted of a sexual offence to indefinite detention,” Mr Elferink said.

“This is a public safety measure that I believe is necessary to protect children across the Northern Territory.

“The legislation will require the Attorney General to apply to the Supreme Court for a Public Protection Order which will allow the prisoner to be kept in jail beyond the limits of their sentence.

“The Supreme Court will have to be persuaded by the Attorney General that there is a high chance the prisoner will re-offend.”

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