FIGHT FOR TERRITORY’S RIGHTS CONTINUES IN PARLIAMENT

The Martin Government will continue its fight for the Territory’s rights against the Commonwealth when the Territory Parliament resumes this week, Leader of Government Business Paul Henderson said.

“Prime Minister Howard and his Government showed their absolute contempt for the rights of Territorians when they dropped their steamrolling nuclear waste dump legislation into Federal Parliament last Thursday,” Mr Henderson said.

“This is an appalling abuse of power by John Howard’s Government, and the Martin Government will continue to stand up for Territorians and work toward blocking the legislation in the Senate.

“Also this week, Communications Minister Dr Chris Burns will move a motion calling for the Federal Government to invest at least $265 million to bring the Northern Territory’s telecommunications infrastructure up to scratch ahead of the full privatisation of Telstra.

“Debate on the Domestic Violence Amendment (Police Orders) Bill will continue this week, and Chief Minister Clare Martin will deliver a statement outlining the Government’s vision to grow the Territory’s tourism industry.”

Parliament will resume on Tuesday.

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