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Arts Ministers Meet in Canberra

Minister for Natural Resources, Environment and Heritage, Len Kiely, will attend the Cultural Ministers Conference on behalf of Arts Minister Marion Scrymgour in Canberra on Friday.

"There are a number of issues vital to the arts sector in the Northern Territory that will be raised," said Mr Kiely.

"In particular, with the Rudd Government in place, we are hopeful of urgent responses to last year's Senate Inquiry into the Aboriginal visual arts sector -- in particular its recommendations to enhance infrastructure to remote art centres.

"The Northern Territory will host the next CMC meeting in Alice Springs -- a first for the Territory's largest regional centre, and a major focus for Indigenous arts.

"We anticipate the future of the Indigenous arts sector to be an important topic of discussion at the ministerial council meeting," he said.

Minister Kiely will meet with other Federal and State colleagues in Canberra tomorrow.

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