Northern Territory embraces cultural diversity

The Northern Territory Minister for Tourism, Kon Vatskalis, said the Territory Government was alarmed by reports a group of Indigenous people were asked to leave an Alice Springs backpacker hostel because of the colour of their skin.

“If these reports are substantiated, I condemn this behaviour completely. It is not reflective of Territory character,” said Mr Vatskalis.

“The Territory has a reputation of being an easy-going place where everyone gets a go.

“We are very proud of our Indigenous culture here in the Territory – we embrace it, not reject it.

“Our diversity and multicultural harmony adds to our unique lifestyle and makes us the Territory we are.

“There is no room for such intolerance in our community.

“The Northern Territory has an Indigenous foundation, a colonial past and a multicultural future – that’s how we see it.”

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