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Territory 2030 – Fresh Ideas, Real Results

In an unprecedented move in the Territory’s history - the Northern Territory Government will develop a 20 year strategic plan to set the direction for the NT.

Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the plan Territory 2030 – Fresh Ideas, Real Results will create specific targets that the NT Government will be measured against.

“This is a defining moment in our history, this strategic plan will shape the future of the Territory for decades to come,” Mr Henderson said.

“The Territory is full of fresh ideas and we’re determined to turn them into real results for the benefit of Territorians.

“We already have many initiatives to build the Territory including the Economic Development Framework, Jobs Plan 3 and Closing the Gap - but we need to have an overarching, strategic plan to get us where we want to be in 20 years.

“This Government has delivered the best economy in the country – which has seen $27 billion worth of investment announced since 2002.

“That’s helped to create thousands of jobs and put more money into people’s pockets.

“A good economy is not just about numbers - it's about people - and I want all Territorians to reap the benefits.

“Strong growth presents challenges and that’s why we’ll take planning out of election cycles – and provide a platform for long-term strategic decisions by Government, business and the community.

“This Territory-wide plan will include our cities, our regions and our remote areas – and builds on the extensive work we’ve already done to prepare the Territory for the future.

“We want people right across the Territory to help shape our future – and a steering committee will work with government to develop the plan, in consultation with Territorians.

“Community services advocate Vicki O’Halloran and former Macquarie Bank senior executive Bill Moss have agreed to co-chair the Territory 2030 Steering Committee.

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“Other members include Michael Berto, Jonathan Carapetis, Ted Egan, Jan Ferguson, Denis MacKenzie and Steve Margetic.

“The Territory 2030 Steering Committee will work closely with the Territory Growth Planning Unit in my department.

The joint chairs Ms O’Halloran and Mr Moss will also join the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, Treasurer and the Chief Executive of the Department of the Chief Minister on a new Cabinet sub-committee to monitor the development of the Territory 2030 Plan.

“This is the first time a Territory Government has invited non-Parliamentarians to sit on a Sub-Committee of Cabinet.

“Territory 2030 will capture the aspirations for Territorians in building this great community.

“It will set out our vision for the future and the sort of place that we want to become - and our commitment to future generations.

“It will set out our targets, the things that we wish to achieve, across the community.”

The plan will address:

• Prosperity for Territorians
• Wellbeing of all Territorians
• Caring for our environment
• Building sustainable communities
• Expanding Opportunities for Territorians

Territorians will be able to:

• Attend a series of public forums that will be hosted across the Territory, including Indigenous communities
• Comment on-line, via the 2030 website
• Take part in planned Target Workshops – intensive discussions about a set of targets within key themes.

The plan will include clear targets and specific actions - a regular scorecard will be released to mark progress.

The consultation phase is expected to be completed by May and the final document released in mid-2009,” Mr Henderson said.

For further information, go to:

www.territory2030.nt.gov.au

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