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CHIEF MINISTER MEETS DEFENCE MINISTER

Chief Minister Paul Henderson today met with Australia’s Defence Minister, Stephen Smith to re-affirm the importance of defence facilities in the Northern Territory.

“I welcome Stephen’s visit to the Territory – his first as Australia’s defence minister,” Mr Henderson said.

“The Territory plays a critical role in housing key parts of our defence force and that role could potentially be increased as part of the defence posture review.”

“We could see more troops and military infrastructure in the Territory with the capacity to host more defence training activity.”

“An increased troop and infrastructure presence would also offer potential boost to the economy, while playing our part in supporting defence,” Mr Henderson said.

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