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100 years of the Northern Territory

Statehood Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy will today fly to Melbourne to pursue partnership opportunities for next year’s milestone events to mark 100-years of being a Territory.

Minister McCarthy will meet with the Board of The Long Walk and discuss opportunities to promote the Northern Territory’s Centenary events throughout 2011.

“2011 is a symbolic occasion in the Northern Territory’s history. 1 January 2011 marks 100 years since the Northern Territory was surrendered by South Australia and became a territory of the Commonwealth,” said Ms McCarthy.

“2011 is the Territory’s year and the Henderson Government is encouraging Territorians to get involved in events throughout the year.

“The Henderson Government is pursuing partnerships with a range of national and local Northern Territory organisations that can assist raise awareness about the Territory’s constitutional inequalities including through major sporting events like the AFL and Dreamtime at the G.

“The Long Walk represents national sporting identities including many well known Territorians and I will be inviting them to come on this journey with us – and to help take our history to the rest of the nation.

“2011 is also an opportunity for all Australians to reflect on the Territory’s history, and to think about where we are going.”

Minister McCarthy will also attend The Long Walk Women’s Luncheon along with Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia.

“Next year also marks 100-years of International Women’s Day and I will be using this opportunity to talk to other women about how they will be celebrating this day special milestone, and how we can do it together,” said Ms McCarthy.

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