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NT Government will play key role in Intervention discussions

The Northern Territory Government has welcomed the *Stronger Futures in the Northern Territory* discussion paper released by the Prime Minister, Julia Gillard and the Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister, Jenny Macklin in Canberra today.

Indigenous Development Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy said that the Territory Government will play a key role in the consultation process outlined in the paper.

“I met with Minister Jenny Macklin today in Canberra and we have agreed that the Territory Government will play a key role in this consultation process,” said Ms McCarthy.

“The Territory Government has consistently said that that genuine consultation with Aboriginal people is the only way forward, and not via a second intervention.

“Today’s announcement clearly shows that the Federal Government has listened to Aboriginal Territorians and the Territory Government on this.

“This intervention was steam rolled into the Territory without any consultation with any Territorian, and we do not want this repeated.

“I will work with the Federal Government to ensure that the next phase of Indigenous policy beyond 30 June 2012 is developed in consultation with, and the inclusion of Aboriginal people and organisations, the NT Indigenous Affairs Advisory Council, local government councillors and the Northern Territory Government.”

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