Top End Women’s Forum to Plan the Future

Following the successful celebrations of the Centenary of International Women’s Day in 2011 and the recent International Women’s Day events earlier this month women from across the Top End will gather tomorrow at the Darwin Convention Centre to discuss issues relevant to the future of women in the Territory.

The Minister for Women’s Policy, Malarndirri McCarthy said the forum was about developing a new women’s policy, and is part of Territory wide consultations.

“The current women’s policy Building on our Strengths: A Framework for Action for Women in the Northern Territory has guided policy from 2008 until now, but it is time now to consider the path forward,” said Minister McCarthy.

“The Office of Women’s Policy will convene the forum and hear submissions from a cross section of Territory women regarding the social, political and economic status of women and their visions for the future.

“We have a proud history of strong Territorian women and I want to hear of their experiences, what do you think is working well, what do we need to work on?

“I also want to hear from young women – what challenges do you think you face today?

“It is important that we hear from a diverse range of viewpoints – one size doesn’t fit all.”

“I encourage Territory women to attend this forum and listen to the debate and contribute their ideas. It is only by speaking up and playing a part that we can advance the cause of women in the Territory.” She said.

The forum will be held from 9am -1pm, Wednesday March 28th at the Darwin Convention Centre. Morning tea will be provided. Admission is free.

Media Contact: Ursula Raymond  0457 825 507