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This year’s Bombing of Darwin commemoration has put the tragic events of 70 years ago into the public consciousness after decades of prevarication and confusion.

Opposition Leader, Terry Mills, said Sunday morning’s ceremony remembering those who had been in Darwin when the Bombing commenced was a fine tribute to the tragic events that commenced on February 19th, 1942.

“It has taken the best part of 70 years for the bombings that took place in 1942 and 1943 to become etched on the Australian consciousness as a day of national importance,” Mr Mills said.

“The profile and poignancy of Sunday’s ceremony shows that the significance of the bombing is now widely recognised after decades of official cover-ups and misinformation.

“It’s fitting that the Bombing of Darwin is now a day of national recognition and is established in the school curriculum.

“It is also important to acknowledge that 70 years on from the Bombing, both Japan and the United States will help shape the Territory’s future through the INPEX development and the six-monthly troop deployments.

“As well as looking at the past, the ceremony was also about the future.”

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