Valued advice coming in from NT Seniors

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The Minister’s Advisory Council for Senior Territorians (MACST) will meet in Darwin today at Parliament House, to provide valued advice to the Northern Territory Government.

“The MACST was established to provide a voice for the Territory’s Seniors community,” said Chairman and Minister for Senior Territorians Peter Styles.

“Discussing important issues relevant to the social, economic and civic life of Territory seniors, is the reason it was established late last year.

“By providing a voice for the Territory’s seniors community on current issues the Giles Government is better informed and we can focus on what really matters.

A range of issues will be considered at the meeting, including:

- Advice from the two MACST Working Groups – Housing & Transport
- Issues raised by the Independent Seniors Round Table & the Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Round Table
- Elder Abuse
- Workforce participation
- NT Pensioner and Carer Concession Scheme
- Utility Pricing

Minister Styles said it was determined that two working groups be established to identify key areas to focus on for the next six to 12 months after the MACST’s first meeting in September 2014.

“Our seniors community is represented very well in the Advisory Council. Members were selected via an Expression of Interest process based on their skills, knowledge, experience and broader community representation,” said Minister Styles.
“The Advisory Council provides high level and strategic advice to the Northern Territory Government and provides effective linkages between government and the Territory’s senior community to improve policy outcomes.

“There is a total of 14 members on the council. There are 7 community members, 2 positions each for National Seniors Australia and Council on the Ageing NT, and observers from the Department of Health, Local Government Association of the NT and the Commonwealth Department of Social Services.

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