Chief Minister Adam Giles has welcomed today’s announcement by the Prime Minister that Territory Minister Bess Price has been appointed to a panel aimed at reducing violence against women.

“It is wonderful to see the Northern Territory’s Minister for Women’s Policy, Bess Price, chosen for this important national advisory panel,” Mr Giles said.

“Bess Price is well-known for her passionate advocacy against domestic and family violence, and her membership of this panel will provide a strong voice for Territory women and children.”

Minister for Women’s Policy Bess Price said she would use her voice to raise the critical issues facing women and children in remote communities.

“I feel there is still a public perception that domestic and family violence in remote communities is the norm and that the issue is too hard to tackle,” Mrs Price said.

“We cannot stop having conversations about the issues facing our Territory families.

“I am honoured to have been selected for this panel and will work hard to provide a voice for victims of violence. I want them to know there is a voice speaking up for them on a public platform.

“It can be a difficult, and at times confronting, conversation we must have for the sake of our friends, families, colleagues and future generations.

“Domestic and family violence remains a serious issue for the Northern Territory community.”

Mrs Price will join prominent anti-violence campaigners Rosie Batty and Heather Nancarrow on the panel.

The panel will advise the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) on the issue of domestic and family violence and make recommendations on how Governments can best respond.
The Advisory Panel will run for up to 18 months and will immediately begin advising COAG on practical ways to address violence against women.

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