Chief Minister, Clare Martin, has congratulated Music NT and the Alice Springs Festival on the interstate bands secured for the inaugural all ages BASSINTHEDUST 2004 being held at the Alice Springs Memo Club on 11 September.

Ms Martin said that Government is a proud major sponsor of the event which she expects will attract at least 1,500 people and be even bigger than the Alice Springs BASSINTEGRASS concert held in 2003.

“My Government held BASSINTEGRASS last year and - whilst it was a success - we have listened to what Alice Springs wants and come up with ways to make it even better,” she said.

“The event name has been changed, it will be held outdoors, later in the year, on a weekend and as part of the Alice festival - all factors that we believe will result in a very successful concert and a memorable event.”

Ms Martin said that Superjesus was a big hit at the Darwin BASSINTEGRASS earlier this month and would be a highlight in Alice Springs adding that Resin Dogs and Hilltop Hoods would be a big drawcard for music lovers.

Other bands - including local bands - will play on the night and should attract well in advance of the 900 people that attended the Alice Springs BASSINTEGRASS 2003.

“This concert will be a good blend of popular national and local bands,” Ms Martin said.

“Importantly, these national acts have not played in Alice Springs before so this will be a unique line-up and a great opportunity to see some great acts in your town.

“We want to see BASSINTHEDUST to grow each year and - with support from the local community - become an integral part of our unique Territory lifestyle and be something that Alice Springs music fans look forward to.”

Ms Martin said that her Government made an election promise to deliver a Big Day Out style concert and is proud to be able to hold these concerts in both Darwin and Alice Springs.

Expressions-of-interest for local acts closes this Friday and will be with selected next week.

Tickets ($30 presale) will go on sale shortly at the Memo, Musicworld and Chatterbox. Start and finish times will be announced soon.