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BERRIMAH LINE COMING DOWN AS PARLIAMENT HEADS TO ALICE

Taking the Northern Territory Parliament to Alice Springs is just one of the ways the Martin Labor Government is breaking down the “Berrimah Line” in Territory decision making, Leader of Government Business Paul Henderson said.

It will be only the second time the Territory Parliament has sat outside Darwin when the Legislative Assembly resumes next Tuesday at the Alice Springs Convention Centre.

“We’re a Government for all Territorians, and the three-day Sittings and associated community events will provide Centralians and Ministers with a host of opportunities to exchange views and discuss ideas and plans for the future,” Mr Henderson said.

“Two years ago the CLP Opposition declared the first sittings of Parliament in Alice Springs to be a waste of money and a “theatrical event”, but the people of Central Australia proved them wrong.

“More than 3500 people visited the Alice Springs Parliament, and the Martin Government is pleased to be bringing Parliament back to the Centre.”

Mr Henderson said the business of Parliament would be considered in the usual fashion with a number of pieces up for debate, including amendments to the Legal Practitioners Bill, insurance law reforms in the Proportionate Liability Bill, and the Housing Amendments Bill.

“The Chief Minister, Clare Martin will also deliver a major Ministerial Statement outlining future plans to keep Central Australia and Alice Springs moving ahead,” said Mr Henderson.

“I know all Government members are looking forward to Parliament returning to Alice Springs as we continue to deliver for all Territorians, not just a few.”

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