Parliament enters second week

The Territory Parliament resumes on Tuesday for the second week of Sittings, Leader of Government Business Paul Henderson said.

Chief Minister and the Tourism Minister, Clare Martin, will detail the rollout of the Government’s $27.5M injection into the tourism industry.

“New simplified pool safety laws will be debated for passage this week, to come into effect from March,” Mr Henderson said.

The Territory Parliament will also debate the Government’s Electoral Bill to establish an independent electoral commission.

“The electoral reforms contained in the bill are long overdue, and deliver on Labor’s election commitment to establishing an independent electoral commission,” Mr Henderson said.

In addition to the independent electoral commission, the reforms include:

- Fixed minimum three year terms, retaining a maximum of four years;
- Providing an additional two days for people to get on the electoral roll when an election is called (it can currently be closed on the same day the writ is issued);
- Introducing public disclosure of political donations, expenditures and debt for participant in the electoral process.

“The reforms will deliver a fairer, more open election process for the Northern Territory.”

Debate on the Government’s five year framework for building healthier communities will resume this week, as will debate on the benefits flowing from the new AustralAsia Railway.
