The Chief Minister, Clare Martin today paid tribute to a Territory Australian Defence Force team that is soon to deploy in Iraq.

Ms Martin said that Territorians wished the troops safety and success in their mission.

“We are proud of our Territory based troops, who perform so professionally when called upon to serve their country,” she said.

“The work these troops will undertake will help to improve the internal stability for Iraq and to make it a safer place for the civilian population.”

The NT troops will help accelerate coalition efforts to train the new Iraqi armed forces by providing leadership mentoring.

“They will provide training in the full range of professional and military skills including receiving orders and instructions, marching, fitness and weapons training,” she said.

Ms Martin said that the thoughts and best wishes of Territorians would also be with the family and friends of the 25 soldiers.