Chief Minister Clare Martin said the Territory would be strongly involved in the new National Counter-Terrorism Committee (NCTC), which met for the first time in Canberra today.

The NCTC replaces the Standing Advisory Committee for Commonwealth/State Co-operation for the Protection Against Violence (SAC-PAV) and will have greater responsibility for developing comprehensive national counter-terrorist measures.

It has representatives from Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments to ensure a co-operative approach.

Ms Martin said it was important to have a strong and united response to the threat of terrorism.

"Since September 11 and particularly after the Bali bombings, Territorians know the world has changed and so has the security environment," she said.

"The Commonwealth has made it clear that the profile of Australia as a potential terrorist target has risen.

"That is why at a national and local level we have to take the necessary precautions to protect the community from the threat of terrorism."

The Chief Minister will attend the meeting of the Council of Australian Governments on 6 December which will focus on terrorism and hear reports from the NCTC."