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TENNANT CREEK HAS ITS SAY ON TERRITORY’S FUTURE

About 20 local residents had their say on building the economic future of the Barkly and the Territory at an open forum in Tennant Creek this morning.

The regional economic forum was co-chaired by Business and Economic Development Minister Paul Henderson and Barkly Regional Development Board member Mr Bob Bagnall.

It was one of five open forums being held across the Territory as a prelude to the Martin Government’s second Economic Development Summit being held in Darwin from 22 to 24 November.

“The Summit and the forums will help shape 2015: Moving the Territory Ahead, an economic development framework for the Territory over the next 10 years, and this morning’s discussions highlighted a range of issues for the Barkly region,” Mr Henderson said.

“In particular, participants discussed the need for the Barkly region to leverage off opportunities in the mining and cattle industries, to identify new opportunities to grow Tennant Creek as a transport hub, improve services in the Barkly, and improve education outcomes for the young people of the region.

“The Government wants to hear from as many Territorians as possible in planning for the Territory’s future economic growth, so it was great to have people from a diverse range of businesses attend this morning’s forum, including catering, transport, finance and employment and training.

“I strongly encourage all Territorians interested in planning for the Territory’s future to attend one of the last three open forums.”

The next regional economic forum will be held in Alice Springs tomorrow night, from 5pm to 7pm at Madigan’s at the Desert Park.

Forums will also be held in Darwin on 14 November and Katherine on 16 November.

For more information or to register for the forums and the Summit, phone 1800 187 221 (free call) or visit www.nt.gov.au/ntsummit.

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