Nuclear waste storage and investment for overseas trip

Environment Minister Marion Scrymgour will learn more about international best-practice for nuclear waste disposal, as well as looking for investment opportunities for Aboriginal art and crocodile exports during a 10 day overseas trip.

“The Federal Government slapped Territorians across the face when they announced last year that a nuclear storage facility would be built in the NT,” Ms Scrymgour said.

“The NT Government does not support the storage of waste here, and I want to see for myself first-hand how nuclear waste is disposed of, handled and stored.”

Ms Scrymgour said she will visit storage facilities in France and Finland where she will engage in official discussions with Government and industry representatives.

“It is imperative that the NT Government is educated and familiarised with world-class and best practice nuclear waste storage facilities.”

Ms Scrymgour also hopes to promote exports of Aboriginal art and culture to Europe, as well as engage leading fashion designers to further utilise the Territory’s crocodile skin industry.

“Indigenous art and craft is currently receiving a renewed focus with the opening of the Musee Quai Branly in Paris last week,” Ms Scrymgour said.

"With three Territory artists represented in the world’s most important architectural tribute to Indigenous art, now is a perfect time for talking up our prospective trade links.

“An important task will be to promote the community controlled Aboriginal art organisations that ensure proper returns to artists.”

Ms Scrymgour will also visit business associated with crocodile products where she will look at investment opportunities for the NT’s growing crocodile industries.

“This is an industry with a lot of potential for the Territory and can lead to prosperous economic enterprise in remote indigenous communities,” she said.

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