RAILWAY ESSENTIAL - BAILEY

Deputy Labor Leader John Bailey says that Prime Minister John Howard should be in no doubt of the strong support from all political Parties in the Northern Territory for the building of the Alice Springs to Darwin Railway.

John Bailey says that when John Howard sits down with the Shane Stone and the South Australia's John Olsen he must remember the promises to Territorians to extend this railway that have been made and broken since 1911.

"Maggie Hickey wrote to John Howard last week advising him of Territory Labor's strong support for the railway project.

"We believe that the long overdue completion of this rail link will bring economic benefits to Australia as a whole and set into place a kick start for the Northern Territory and South Australian economies into the next century.

"Territory Labor has supported this railway since our inception in 1905. Over those 92 years there have been many hopes and disappointments. We believe that now is definitely the time for those hopes to be realised."

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