PARLIAMENT TO PASS SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATION

The Northern Territory Parliament is expected to pass a number of significant pieces of legislation during its two week October sittings, Leader of Government Business Paul Henderson said.

“Amendments to the Bail Act will make it harder for alleged serious sex offenders to be released on bail, providing more protection for victims and helping make our community safer,” Mr Henderson said.

“The passage of the Care and Protection of Children Act will deliver on recommendations of the Little Children are Sacred Report, including the creation of the new Children’s Commissioner role.

“Legislation to formally establish the Territory’s first independent Environmental Protection Authority is also expected to be passed, delivering on another Government election commitment.”

The Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries, Chris Natt, will deliver a statement on developments in the Territory’s primary industry sector, including a new web-based market research tool to grow the export market.

“Health Minister Dr Chris Burns will deliver a statement outlining improvements to the Territory’s hospitals,” said Mr Henderson.

This Wednesday is a General Business Day, meaning the order of business is run by the Opposition.

Parliament resumes tomorrow.

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