Securing Future AFL Games for the Territory

NT Government officials have met with a delegation of senior AFL officials to discuss the future of national fixture matches in the Territory.

Minister for Sport and Recreation Karl Hampton said the negotiations had been extremely positive with a view to Alice Springs playing host to a pre season game and two home and away games being played at Darwin’s TIO stadium each year.

“As stated previously I want to see as many AFL games in the Territory as possible including matches in Central Australia,” Mr Hampton said.

“I am also looking towards Alice Springs hosting an Indigenous All Stars match.

“This Government has cemented AFL footy as a permanent part of the Territory sporting calendar.

“A number of AFL clubs have expressed their desire to play games in the Territory and the intense public interest surrounding tomorrow’s clash highlights the demand for live AFL footy.

“The top class AFL games played in the Territory each year are undoubtedly highlights on the Territory’s sporting calendar and both sides are committed to ensuring this remains the case.

“The NT Government and the AFL are confident an agreement can be reached shortly to ensure Territorians are treated to AFL footy on their doorstep each year.

Whilst no firm decision regarding the number of games to be played or the clubs involved was made at today’s meeting the discussions were extremely positive.

“Sport is an important part of our great lifestyle and Territorians especially love their footy.”

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