The South Australian and Northern Territory Governments have pledged more support to Indigenous communities in a bid to address family violence in Central Australia.

Both governments have jointly provided $100,000 for a range of community-led initiatives with a focus on primary prevention and education to combat domestic and family violence in Indigenous communities.

This issue is among those to be discussed at the First Ministers’ Forum held in Adelaide today, attended by South Australian Premier Jay Weatherill and Northern Territory Chief Minister Adam Giles.

Leaders will also hear from business and industry stakeholders on how to grow the emerging native foods and premium meat sectors. In the lead up to the forum Mr Weatherill and Mr Giles are attending the launch of Something Wild - a new native foods business partnership which will have majority Indigenous ownership.

Other issues to be discussed at today’s forum include:

- The recent Federal Budget and its impact on South Australia and the Northern Territory
- The key findings from the South Australian Nuclear Fuel Cycle Royal Commission Report
- Indigenous procurement and employment strategies
- Public sector secondment between both governments
- National food policy and foreign investment
- Workforce issues in agriculture, tourism and manufacturing.

**Background**

In April 2015, Mr Weatherill and Mr Giles signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at strengthening ties between the two jurisdictions and helping to unlock economic opportunities available through the central Australian corridor.
The First Ministers’ Forums were established as part of the MoU, and offer an opportunity to progress priority issues that affect both South Australia and the Northern Territory.

Quotes attributable to Chief Minister Adam Giles:

South Australia and the Northern Territory have always been great partners in the middle of Australia.

It’s important that our two governments work together to identify issues of mutual interest, reduce red tape and promote business investment.

We want to foster job creation, develop tourism and support our agricultural and mining industries in realising their full potential.

Both governments will work together to identify opportunities for business expansion and how we might remove any impediments to doing business, such as anomalies in cross-border regulations.

We’re also committed to developing a community-led, long-term strategy that addresses domestic and family violence in Central Australia, with a focus on prevention.

Quotes attributable to Premier Jay Weatherill:

These forums are a great opportunity to consider how we tackle common issues and how we can collaborate to benefit our shared major industries.

Aboriginal women in remote communities experience domestic and family violence at a significantly higher rate than the general population, which is why the development of a community-led strategy that helps address the issue in remote Indigenous communities is so important.

Equally important is support for Indigenous business.

We are already doing innovative work to create Indigenous employment clusters in targeted industries in South Australia, and we have recently changed our procurement policy to encourage more Indigenous businesses to supply goods and services to government.

We are keen to exchange ideas with the Northern Territory which has had some great success in this area.

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