Nicole Manison
Treasurer

**Fighting for the Territory’s share of GST**

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Treasurer Nicole Mansion will attend the Council on Federal Financial Relations in Canberra on Friday.

Ms Manison said the conference of Commonwealth, State and Territory Treasurers is an opportunity to ensure the Territory’s best interests are represented.

“I will continue to fight for the Territory’s fair share of GST funding,” Ms Manison said.

“This government is strongly opposed to the proposed introduction of a GST relativity floor which would alter the current GST distribution to the advantage of states with stronger revenue raising capacities.

“We believe the principal of Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation, which underpins the current GST distribution system is working as intended, as it takes into account the fiscal capacities of states.

“The Leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition have also expressed their support on this issue, and I thank them for their lobbying of their Liberal mates on their recent trip to Canberra.”

Ms Manison said the Treasurers will also discuss a new reform agreement aimed at enhancing productivity growth, which will be considered at the next Council of Australian Governments (COAG) meeting on 9 December.

Ms Manison said other agenda items included examining the supply side of community housing to improve affordability.

Further discussion around personal tax income sharing is also on the agenda as well as expiring National Partnership Agreements which are important sources of funding for the Territory.

“Given the importance of Commonwealth funding to the Territory, I will be making sure our best interests are not compromised,” Ms Manison said.

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