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Territory round of Supercars here to stay!

Following yet another successful Darwin round of the Supercars, Chief Minister, Clare Martin, today confirmed the event is here to stay in the Territory.

"The Supercars are a fantastic event providing a much needed social and economic boost to the Territory," she said.

"The Supercars are currently contracted until the year 2007 and that contract will remain in place and will be honoured."

Ms Martin made her comments following reports that scaremongers had been spreading rumours that the event was in doubt.

"Motor sport fans can rest easy - the Supercars are here to stay.

"This year’s race attracted record crowds and was extremely well run - it is quickly becoming the jewel in the Territory sporting calendar."

The Chief Minister said the tourism benefits of the race made it extremely important for the Territory.

"The Supercars are beamed into thousands of homes nationally and internationally, making it a truly a valuable asset."