The Twelfth of October marks the second anniversary of the Bali Bombing and is a significant day for all Australians and our international neighbours Chief Minister, Clare Martin, said today.

“Some 202 people lost their lives on that tragic day, two years ago - 88 of them Australian,” she said.

“We well remember, almost like it was yesterday, the shock of the tragedy and we pay our respects again to the victims and their families who continue to deal with the injuries and loss.

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While there can be no guarantee that these terrible events won’t happen again, what we can do as we look to the future is to continue to build closer ties both economically and socially with our neighbours as we have been doing during our term in Government.

“Last month Government Ministers, including myself, visited Sabah and were accompanied by a Territory business delegation and there was a further trip by my colleague the Minister for Primary Industries to the Philippines along with members of the cattle industry.

“In the coming months it’s my intention to visit the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia as part of our ongoing efforts to enhance relationships with our friends in the region.

“On behalf of all Territorians I would like to pass on our thoughts and prayers to those affected by the Bali Bombing on this anniversary.”