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The Hon Jim Lloyd MP
Australian Government Minister for Local Government, Territories and Roads

The Hon Clare Martin MLA
Chief Minister
Northern Territory

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REAPPOINTMENT OF NORTHERN TERRITORY ADMINISTRATOR

Northern Territory Administrator, Mr Ted Egan AO, has been granted a further one-year extension in his term of office.

Federal Territories Minister Jim Lloyd and NT Chief Minister, Clare Martin, said they were pleased to announce a further extension of Mr Egan's term as Administrator.

"Ted has been an extremely popular and effective Administrator and I know today's announcement will be welcomed by Territorians," Mr Lloyd said.

"He has managed to bring a real sense of the Northern Territory to Government House, without in any way diminishing from the significance of the office itself.

Ms Martin wrote to the Prime Minister in March seeking an extension of Mr Egan's term.

"Due to his extensive knowledge of the Territory and his relationship with its people I believe Ted's term as Administrator has added a renewed relevance to the office for many Territorians," Ms Martin said.

"Today’s announcement will be warmly received by the people of the Northern Territory," she said.

Mr Lloyd said the decision by the Australian Government meant Mr Egan's term would be extended until 30 October 2007.

"It is important that offices like that of the Administrator of the Northern Territory continue to retain significance to people and central to that significance is the nature and bearing of the office-holder themself.

"Mr Egan was initially appointed on 31 October, 2003 and since that time has done an excellent job as Administrator," Mr Lloyd said.


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