ECONOMIC FORUMS GET UNDERWAY

The first of five regional economic forums that will help develop a new framework for the Territory’s economic future will be held in Nhulunbuy this evening.

Minister for Business and Regional Development, Paul Henderson, will co-chair the meeting with Mr Oscar Datjarranga, the Chair of the East Arnhem Regional Development Board.

The regional forums are being held as precursors to the Martin Government’s second Economic Development Summit on 22 to 24 November.

The Summit and the forums will help shape 2015: Moving the Territory Ahead, an economic development framework for the Territory over the next 10 years.

“The Northern Territory economy is continuing to strengthen and now is the time for Government, business and the community to work in partnership to identify key issues and plan for our economic future,” Mr Henderson said.

“Tonight’s open forum provides the chance for East Arnhem residents to give their views on issues such as improving education and training outcomes for their young population, maximising opportunities in the mining industry and growing potential industries such as ecotourism.

“Feedback from the regional forums will have a key role in discussions at the Economic Development Summit, and the final Economic Development Framework, 2015: Moving the Territory Ahead.

“I strongly encourage all interested Territorians to be involved in planning for our future.”

Forums are also being held in Tennant Creek, Katherine, Alice Springs and Darwin.

For more information on the forums and the Summit, visit www.nt.gov.au/ntsummit.

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