

# MEDIA RELEASE

Hon Jane Aagaard MLA Committee Chair  
Ms Fran Kilgariff Committee Co-Chair

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## **NT STATE 7 KICKS OFF THIS WEEK**

Statehood Steering Committee Chair Jane Aagaard and Co-Chair Fran Kilgariff were out reminding Territorians today that a series of Territory-wide community Forums kick off in Elliott tomorrow.

*NT 2011 Towards State 7* Forums are an opportunity to have a voice on the future of how the Territory is governed and how we can become a full partner in the Australian system of government.

Committee Chair Jane Aagaard said the Committee's 22 members are ready to roll out across the Territory to listen and to inform and prepare the ground work for the major event in 2011 – a Constitutional Convention of community delegates.

Co-Chair Fran Kilgariff said "I will be attending Forums in coming weeks in Central Australia and taking part as I hope all Territorians will throughout this exciting year.

"My family loves living here and they deserve to be treated the same as all other Australians - that's the message I want to convey right across the Territory."

February Forums are rolling out as follows:

- 16<sup>th</sup> Elliott - Elliott Basketball Court at 4.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Tennant Creek – Training Centre 65 Staunton St at 4.30 pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Alice Springs – Spinifex Room Crowne Plaza Hotel at 5.00pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Utopia – Basketball Court at 4.00 pm

All Territorians are invited to attend a Forum.

Visit [www.ntstate7.com.au](http://www.ntstate7.com.au) for more information and venue details.

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