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## **Next Step towards Becoming State 7: Election of Delegates and Convention Dates**

A meeting of the Northern Territory Constitutional Convention Committee today welcomed agreement by the Territory Government to implement a range of recommendations from the former Statehood Steering Committee to support the next steps towards Statehood.

The Committee is pleased to announce the following:

- Territorians will go to the polls on Saturday 24 March 2012 in conjunction with Local Government elections to vote for Delegates to represent them at the *State 7 Constitutional Convention*
- The *State 7 Constitutional Convention* will take place at Parliament House and at the Darwin Convention Centre from 21 to 29 April 2012
- Nominations to stand as a Delegate will open during December this year
- There will be two Delegates plus one reserve (total three) elected from within each of the existing 25 electoral boundaries in the Northern Territory
- Expert and community Panelists will be appointed to assist the elected Delegates at the Convention but only elected Delegates will have voting rights to pass resolutions at the Convention
- Information Sessions for Territorians interested in nominating to be a Delegate will take place during October and November this year

“This is a very exciting day for the Territory as we implement the recommendations of the Statehood Steering Committee and move towards becoming the seventh state” Mrs Aagaard said today.

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