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## STATEHOOD COMMITTEE LAUNCHES *NT STATE 7*

Statehood Steering Committee Chair Jane Aagaard and Co-Chair Fran Kilgariff today announced a new campaign to promote a series of community forums being held across the Northern Territory ahead of a constitutional convention planned for next year.

The new campaign called *NT 2011 Towards State 7* and consists of 40 public forums across the Northern Territory in 2010 commencing in Elliott on 16 February.

Committee Chair Jane Aagaard said "2010 is a full year of consultation and engagement by the Statehood Steering Committee on progress towards Statehood.

"Next year is a significant year in the Northern Territory as it is the 100<sup>th</sup> year since the Northern Territory was last part of a State and Committee members believe its time to be a state of our own."

Co-Chair Fran Kilgariff said "2011 will be the right time for us to convene a major convention to work out what will be contained in our future State Constitution.

"To prepare for this event, the Committee will be asking Territorians what should be considered at the convention and how they want to participate in developing a new constitution.

"These forums are the culmination of some years' work by the Statehood Committee and its time to move to the next stage." Ms Kilgariff said.

All Territorians are invited. A new website [www.ntstate7.com.au](http://www.ntstate7.com.au) will be live from Saturday 30 January.

The First Forum will kick off right in the centre of the NT (Town of Elliott) on Tuesday 16 February with forums to follow in Tennant Creek, Alice Springs, Darwin and other locations throughout the year.

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