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Hon Jane Aagaard MLA Committee Chair
Ms Kezia Purick Committee Member

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Committee Members Meet Counterparts in Canberra

Members of the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs are attending meetings with Commonwealth Parliamentarians in Canberra today and tomorrow as the Committee prepares the next steps towards a Constitutional Convention for the Northern Territory.

Committee Chair Jane Aagaard and members Kezia Purick, Marion Scrymgour and Peter Chandler will meet with Independents, Greens, Government and Opposition Members to discuss the importance of the Northern Territory's constitutional future in the Australian system of Government and the role the Commonwealth must play.

Mrs Aagaard said: "These meetings with key Commonwealth Parliamentarians are vital to ensure the Commonwealth understands our aspirations to be the 7th State and how we are working towards that goal".

Ms Purick echoed the Chair's comments stating: "As we work on the logistics for an inclusive constitutional convention late this year, the Commonwealth has to think about what they would impose as the terms and conditions for an eventual grant of Statehood, and tell us all what they will be."

The delegation will undertake 16 formal meetings over the two days with further informal meetings proposed as the delegation moves through the Commonwealth Parliament on the first sitting day for the year.

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