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TAKING GOVERNMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

The Government’s commitment to give more Territorians direct access to Ministers and senior bureaucrats was the driving force behind a plan announced today to introduce Community Cabinet meetings.

Chief Minister Clare Martin said that, under the plan, there would be at least 30 Cabinet meetings held outside Darwin in regional and remote areas across the Territory during Labor’s first term in office.

Ms Martin said the first Community Cabinet visit for the year would be held in Nhulunbuy on February 11-12.

Community Cabinet meetings will also be held in Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Yulara, Borroloola, Wadeye, Yuendumu, and Groote Eylandt.

Under the plan, Government would also hold some Cabinet meetings away from Parliament House in the Darwin, Palmerston and rural areas.

“We are committed to governing for all Territorians and not just those who live in Darwin,” Ms Martin said.

“Community Cabinets give us the chance to take Government to the people

“Cabinet Ministers and their senior executives will meet local business operators, community leaders and members of the public in their home town to get a better understanding of what concerns them and listen to their ideas and proposals.

“Holding Community Cabinet meetings across the Territory is just one way we can improve the communications flow between Government and Territorians.”
Ms Martin said the Nhulunbuy visit would involve a community forum and meetings with individual Ministers and their agency heads on the Sunday, with Cabinet being held on the Monday.

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