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Chief Minister

ALICE SPRINGS COMMUNITY CABINET

The Territory Government continues to deliver on its pledge to “break down the Berrimah Line” holding the first ever Alice Springs Community Cabinet meeting today.

Chief Minister Clare Martin said Community Cabinet had been introduced by Government to listen to Territorians concerns and develop a better understanding of Territory wide issues.

“People living outside of Darwin have been ignored for too long,” she said.

“This Government is determined to listen to, and act on, the issues that are affecting Alice Springs residents.”

Ms Martin said Government Ministers would meet with Alice Springs’ business and community groups during the day, before holding Community Cabinet.

“Community Cabinet involves each Minister hosting a series of 20-minute, one-on-one meetings with organisations, to listen to their concerns and answer any questions.

“More than 30 Community Cabinet meetings will be held over this Government’s first term in office, with a number planned for Alice Springs and Yulara.”

Community Cabinet will be held in regional and remote areas across the Territory including Tennant Creek, Borroloola, Wadeye, Katherine, Kalkaringi and Groote Eylandt, as well as Darwin suburbs and Palmerston.

Ms Martin said Community Cabinet was proof of Government’s commitment to Central Australia.

“Opening the Office of Central Australia was our front-line effort in battling the ‘Berrimah Line’. Community Cabinet is the next wave.”
“I’m confident the Alice Springs community will support this event and take the opportunity to meet face-to-face with their Ministers.”

Today’s Community Cabinet follows Government’s recent historic announcement that Parliament will be held in Alice Springs next year - the first time it will be held outside of Darwin.

“Alice Springs deserves the best possible access to Government; we will deliver on that and eliminate the curse of ‘Berrimah Line’ governing forever.”

**Media Note**: Media is invited to film Community Cabinet, which runs from 3-6 pm at the Red Centre Resort.

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