



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

COUNCIL OF TERRITORY CO-OPERATION

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THE NEWLY FORMED COUNCIL OF TERRITORY CO-OPERATION HAS MET TWICE THIS WEEK WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING ITS PRIORITIES AND WORK PLAN FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL – INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR NELSON, GERRY WOOD – SAID THE COUNCIL'S IMMEDIATE PRIORITIES ARE THE SIHIP PROGRAMME, LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND A *WORKING FUTURE*, ALL OF WHICH HAVE ELEMENTS IN COMMON AND WHICH CAN BE INVESTIGATED TOGETHER.

MR WOOD SAID THE ISSUE OF THE PLANNING SCHEME AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WEDDELL WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER TIME.

'THE COUNCIL WILL BE SEEKING COMPREHENSIVE BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS FROM RELEVANT OFFICIALS BEFORE EMBARKING ON THE COURSE OF CALLING FOR SUBMISSIONS FROM STAKEHOLDERS, HOLDING PUBLIC HEARINGS AND UNDERTAKING VISITS TO A VARIETY OF COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NORTHERN TERRITORY,' HE SAID.

THE COUNCIL WILL MAKE ITS FIRST PROGRESS REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DURING THE FIRST SITTING IN FEBRUARY NEXT YEAR.

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