



Syd Stirling
ACTING CHIEF MINISTER

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BIG THANK YOU FOR FIREFIGHTER EFFORTS

An official function will be held at Parliament House to thank all our firefighters and their families following the return of our crews from the blazes in Victoria.

Acting Chief Minister Syd Stirling welcomed home the last contingent of firefighters who touched down at Darwin Airport today.

“The firefighters have done the Territory proud – they’ve shown the rest of Australia they’re willing to go above and beyond the call of duty,” Mr Stirling said.

“The NT Government wants to say thank you to our firefighters and their families with an official function at Parliament House in February.

“In total, 106 people from the NTFRS and Bushfires NT travelled to Victoria to fight the fires.

“The Northern Territory effort also included 10 grassfire units and two command vehicles.

“This is one the largest interstate assistance forces we’ve ever sent to help our southern colleagues.

“The Northern Region contributed 86 personnel and the vehicles, the Southern Region contributed 20 people.

“The two-month involvement is a great effort from our services – which are relatively small when compared to the rest of Australia.”

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