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### **TSRA WELCOMES PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TORRES STRAIT AND NORTHERN PENINSULA REGION**

The Acting Chairperson of the Torres Strait Regional Authority (TSRA), Mr Aven S. Noah, has welcomed the announcement by Prime Minister Tony Abbott that he will spend a week in the Torres Strait and Northern Peninsula Region (NPA).

“This is a significant commitment from Mr Abbott, and one that is welcomed by the TSRA,” Mr Noah said.

“It will be a great opportunity for him to experience first hand our culture and the diverse geography that makes up the region.

“The Torres Strait is a very strategic part of Australia, and one that not many people visit, so hosting the Prime Minister is a significant event.

“Most importantly he will be able to hear direct from the community about the issues and aspirations we have for our land and our future.”

Mr Abbot will visit the region in August as part of his election pledge to spend a week each year in a remote Indigenous community.

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