

Rudd wishes NT luck for statehood bid

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The Northern Territory Government has received a letter from Prime Minister Kevin Rudd wishing it luck with the push for statehood.

The letter comes as the NT celebrates 30 years of self-government.

But member of the NT's first legislative assembly, Noel Padgham, says while there would be some advantages to becoming a state, there would also be drawbacks.

"The cons against it would be the proliferation of public servants who would migrate from down south up here," she said.

"They would be like white ants going at a bit of four by two, they'd just overpower us."