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## **REMOTE HOUSING PROGRAM UPSKILLS COMMUNITIES**

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The home building program in remote communities has provided valuable skills training for Indigenous people, Minister for Housing, Peter Chandler, said today.

“More than 1800 people have been trained, giving them a far better chance to secure full-time employment,” he said.

The National Partnership Agreement on Remote Indigenous Housing is between the Northern Territory Government and the federal government. It is a \$1.7 million investment in housing running till 2018.

“With the program now at the half-way mark, 953 homes have been built, there have been 2901 rebuilds and refurbishments and 87 upgrades. We are punching well above our weight delivering at triple the pace of Western Australia and Queensland.

“While program has brought big improvements to housing in communities it has also been beneficial in upskilling Indigenous workers, Mr Chandler said.

“As the Territory prospers under the Country Liberals Government there will be greater demand for workers, it is the Government’s hope that more Indigenous people will be able to share in the benefits from being employed.

“The Territory Government will continue to identify opportunities that will lead to full-time employment for Indigenous workers.

“For example, at Numbulwar, seven workers have taken up jobs with the Roper Gulf Shire to work on house refurbishments after a stint as trainees on the remote building program

“In Milingimbi, Ramingining, Yuendumu and Numbulwar Indigenous women are being trained towards a certificate in cleaning operations. With six to 12 workers in each community gaining their qualifications more families will have a regular income from jobs.

“Twelve Indigenous trainees have taken up the opportunity to move with the building program so they can continue training as house building, refurbishments and upgrades goes from town to town.

“There are also future jobs through property and tenancy management, which includes repairs and maintenance.”

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