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Strengthening Services in Homelands: \$4.5 Million in Grants

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The Territory Labor Government is supporting Territorians who live in remote homelands, with \$4.5 million awarded in grants to improve the delivery of municipal and essential services.

Minister for Housing and Community Development Gerry McCarthy said all Territorians should have access to high quality services and these grants will help 29 homelands service providers conduct critical work, repairs and upgrades.

“When our remote communities and regions are strong the Territory is strong – that’s why we are funding the delivery of critical services to homelands to support Territorians living on their traditional land,” Mr McCarthy said.

“We are investing in Territorians in remote homelands, creating local jobs and building safer, fairer and stronger communities right across the Territory.

“We promised to deliver better infrastructure to regional and remote communities and this \$4.5 million will do just that – unlike the CLP, we are investing in services for Territorians living in the bush.”

The grants include funding for solar and septic upgrades, improvements to water supply and waste systems, new infrastructure, airstrip upgrades and the purchase of machinery, among others.

Mr McCarthy said the grants will support local jobs within homeland service providers.

“The purchase of a new forklift will require a local qualified person to operate it, a new tip will require multiple local workers to manage it,” Mr McCarthy said.

“We are working with communities to improve the quality of life for Territorians living in remote areas, to improve community outcomes.

“These grants are part of a \$42.5 million investment this year to strengthen homelands across the Territory.”

Applications for the next round of grants open next month in mid-November and close in February next year.

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