Deputy Chief Minister, Delia Lawrie, today met with representatives from Non Government Organisations (NGOs) including the Northern Territory Council of Social Services (NTCOSS), NT Shelter and National Disability Services (NDS) to announce $1m towards meeting pay increases across the sector in response to the Fair Work Australia decision.

Ms Lawrie emphasised the importance of NGOs important role in delivering critical community services across the Territory.

“NGOs are integral to all facets of our community, and achieving major government policies, such as Territory 2030, would not be possible without their support,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The Henderson Government supports Fair Work Australia’s decision earlier this year to increase the pay of some workers in the NGO sector and has made a commitment to maintain its share of funding for NGOs with the Australian Government.

“We will establish a taskforce to further investigate with the sector the financial implications of the decision.

“This complements the range of initiatives the Territory Government is undertaking to boost the capacity of the NGO sector, including making funding and grants management more efficient, and making it easier for public servants to donate to charities direct from their pay."

Meeting attendees included:
• NTCOSS
• National Disability Services (NDS)
• NT Shelter
• Salvation Army
• NT Carers
• Somerville
• Anglicare
• Teamhealth
• Amity
• NT Working Women’s Centre

“NGOs are our key partners in many programs across the Territory, and the NT Government is streamlining grants administration to remove red tape and focus our service delivery efforts.

“The Territory Government will continue to work closely with the community sector to achieving the service outcomes Territorians deserve.”

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