MINISTERS HEAD TO TENNANT CREEK

Chief Minister Paul Henderson and a number of Cabinet Ministers will hold talks with key organisations in Tennant Creek tomorrow.

Mr Henderson will be joined by Ministers Rob Knight, Karl Hampton, and Alison Anderson - who all hold key portfolios to drive growth in the Territory’s regions.

“I am determined the new Cabinet will reach out to every corner of the Northern Territory, and we have real opportunity to grow the economic potential of our regions,” Mr Henderson said.

“A key project for Tennant Creek will be the $30 million commitment to upgrade essential services and housing in community living areas, or town camps.

“The $30 million project is the single largest commitment in Tennant Creek’s future, and one of the first stages of the $647 million joint NT and Australian Government commitment to upgrade and improve services in 73 communities.

“A central element of the project is providing job and training opportunities for local Indigenous people, leading to future job opportunities in areas such as construction and maintenance.

“Civil works are expected to start by November and I look forward to hearing from Julalikari and Territory Housing about the program’s job and economic opportunities.”

Together with the Member for Barkly Gerry McCarthy, the Ministers will meet with a number of organisations, including the Julalikari Council Aboriginal Corporation, Territory Housing representatives, NT Police, Anyinginyi Health Aboriginal Corporation and local schools.

“Tennant Creek has a bright future, including as a mining service and supply centre,” said Mr Henderson.

“Over the next four years, my Government will upgrade both the Tennant Creek High School and Primary School, police station and sporting facilities to ensure Tennant remains a good place to work and raise a family.

“I look forward to hearing first hand from key organisations in Tennant Creek about their vision for the future of the town.”

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