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Territory Government Welcomes Indigenous Commitment

Chief Minister Paul Henderson today welcomed the Rudd Government’s funding commitment to Northern Territory Indigenous communities.

Mr Henderson said the Rudd Government had the full support of the Territory Government in moving to Close the Gap of Indigenous disadvantage.

“I welcome these measures to address housing and living conditions as a basis for overcoming disadvantage in other areas such as health, education and employment,” Mr Henderson said.

“It’s also important to foster economic development in Indigenous communities to provide training, employment and income opportunities.

“These measures complement the Territory Government’s own $300 million Closing the Gap initiative.”

Today’s Australian Government announcement comes under the umbrella of the National Partnership on Remote Indigenous Housing, agreed at the Council Of Australian Governments in November, 2008.

The National Partnership, signed by the Northern Territory, the States and the Australian Government establishes a 10 year strategy to improve housing in remote communities.

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