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MILLS, BUSH MEMBERS VISIT REMOTE TOP END COMMUNITIES

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Chief Minister Terry Mills and the Government’s five incoming bush members will today visit three remote Top End communities to speak with residents and elders and listen to their concerns.

The visit follows last week’s extraordinary vote of no confidence in the Labor Government’s policies targeting regional and remote Territorians.

Mr Mills is accompanied by the Government’s five bush members Alison Anderson (Namatjira), Larisa Lee (Arnhem), Gary Higgins (Daly), Francis Xavier Maralampuwi (Arafura) and Bess Price (Stuart).

“It is important that the first visit I take as Chief Minister is to three of the Territory’s Aboriginal communities,” Mr Mills said.

“The visit is a statement about the new Government’s commitment to improving conditions in regional centres.

“The five MLAs will play a crucial role in communicating the concerns of rural and remote residents to the Government as well as reporting on the measures we put in place on behalf of the bush.

“The Country Liberals have committed $120million over 10 years to support Aboriginal outstations, new initiatives in Indigenous education and to re-engage communities in shire reform.”

The tour will include meetings in Wadeye, the Tiwi Land Council in Nguiu and the Arnhem Land Progress Association in Ramingining.

Mr Mills is expected to visit communities in Central Australia next week.

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