Minister for Local Government

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM: CONSULTATIONS NEAR COMPLETION

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The Country Liberals Government continues its commitment to sustainable and transparent local government in regional and remote areas.

In this year’s Budget the Territory Government increased the operational subsidy to shire councils to ensure their sustainability while also including $6.2 million over four years to support the reform process.

Minister for Local Government, Alison Anderson, says comprehensive public consultations are paramount in maintaining transparency and to deliver effective reforms.

“Consultations have run over four months and visited more than 80 communities, 44 of them twice, listening to people about what they want from local government in the Territory’s regions,” Ms Anderson said.

“I will invite the Regional Governance Working Group (RGWG) to meet with me in late June to discuss the outcomes of the public consultation process.

“The RGWG, through their strong links to community, produced the Options Paper which has been presented to communities for consultation over the last four months.

“By having a comprehensive consultation process the Country Liberals Government can now use the community feedback to develop an effective local government model for our regions.

“Delia Lawrie’s former Labor Government imposed super shires on our regions without first listening to the people resulting in an expensive failed policy which we’re now left to fix.”

Minster Anderson will be attending two public consultations this week in Central Australia:

- Santa Teresa Shire Office on Tuesday 4 June from 10am - 1pm
- Titjikala Shire Office on Wednesday 5 June from 10am

Further detail on the remaining consultations can be found at: www.yourcouncil.nt.gov.au

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