Gary Higgins, Member for Daly

**Funding to support the development of a new remote resort**

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Member for Daly Gary Higgins has helped to secure a Northern Territory Government grant to support the creation of a remote accommodation resort.

Mr Higgins said Maninh Kirnmu Limited has been given $15,000 to help conduct a feasibility study for a resort near Wadeye.

“The grant will help Maninh Kirnmu Limited renew its feasibility study and business plan for an accommodation resort,” Mr Higgins said.

“The money will also help to research investment opportunities that will enable the resort to become a reality.

“Early visions for the resort include providing high quality accommodation and a range of cultural experiences that capture the beauty of the beaches and surrounding country.

“Wadeye has untapped potential when it comes to opportunities in tourism and business.

“The Country Liberals Government believes that if the business plan by Maninh Kirnmu Limited proves to be viable, the accommodation resort has the potential to boost the region substantially.

“This includes direct employment opportunities for local people and will enable other businesses in tourism, art and hospitality to thrive in the region.

“The resort also has the potential to support the expansion of other businesses that require high quality accommodation for visiting staff.

“Investing in opportunities for Wadeye, which is the fifth largest town in the Territory, is money well spent as part of the Government's plan for developing Northern Australia.

“Work is underway for the $20 million investment to seal two parts of the Port Keats Road, between Peppimenarti and Palumpa.

“I have also been lobbying my colleagues to ensure that some of the $30 million earmarked for strategic and economic development roads will be spent on further developing the road to Wadeye.”

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