Willem Westra van Holthe, Member for Katherine  
Minister for Public Employment, Deputy Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

**Northern Territory Government fosters future leaders**

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The Country Liberals Government has launched a new initiative to attract and retain talented young people in the Northern Territory Public Service (NTPS).

Minister for Public Employment Willem Westra van Holthe launched the *Future Leaders Network* initiative at a Parliament House reception this evening.

“We want to give exceptional young leaders the opportunity to develop their skills, while providing future pathways for professional and personal growth,” Minister Westra van Holthe said.

“The NTPS is the largest employer in the Territory, with around 20,000 people employed across 32 agencies.

“A recent survey found that more than half of our employees over the age of 45 indicated their intention to retire in the next 15 years. The Northern Territory Government needs to start planning for that now to ensure our workforce is strong and skilled into the future,” he said.

The *Future Leaders Network* will be able to take up opportunities including:

- Targeted training
- Networking opportunities
- Access to senior agency leader
- Mentoring
- Secondments and short term placements
- Accredited personal development

The *Future Leaders Network* will be capped at 50 participants who must be under the age of 30.

Nominations will open in the next fortnight, with the membership to be announced in July 2015.

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