Launch of the Remote Engagement Strategy

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The Minister for Local Government and Community Services Bess Price has launched the Remote Engagement and Coordination Strategy (RECS) to be implemented as a best practice framework for NTG agencies that interact with remote communities.

“The Strategy will reduce duplication of community visits and streamline the engagement practices of NTG staff working in remote communities,” Minister Price said.

“The Country Liberals Government wants to reduce the use of government resources by stopping unnecessary visits by numerous departments into the same community, asking the same questions.

“Communities have requested this approach across all NTG agencies to ensure meetings are of the highest quality with definite outcomes and can produce real results.

“The new framework will share the information gathered from meetings amongst all the other agencies so locals and their issues will be heard and understood effectively.

“The strategy has been developed through an interagency working group including frontline NT Government agencies, regional councils, and remote community engagement specialists from Charles Darwin University.”

Currently the strategy is looking at including an electronic issues tracking system to capture and record community priorities and an interactive online toolkit for public servants outlining best practice engagement techniques.

“The interactive online toolkit will include practical, information, tips, guidance and advice on working with remote communities,” Minister Price said.

“With improved engagement to assist Indigenous Territorians living in remote communities to become more involved in the activities of government, we will improve their capacity to contribute to the economy.

“The Country Liberals Government is building the regions through Local Government and Community Services creating a strong society, and adopting best practice for engagement with Indigenous people.”

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