Northern Territory Government welcomes changes to clean energy

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The Northern Territory Government has welcomed the Commonwealth Government’s decision to keep two renewable energy agencies and establish a new $1 billion Clean Energy Innovation Fund.

Minister for Essential Services Peter Chandler said the decision to retain the Australian Renewable Energy Agency and the Clean Energy Finance Corporation will assist the Territory to progress with integrating renewable energy right across the Top End.

“I welcome the Commonwealth Government’s decision and will see real benefits of this in the Northern Territory,” Mr Chandler said.

“We will work together with Commonwealth agencies to deliver renewable energy to locations in the Territory, particularly in our remote communities.

“We currently have a program that deploys 10MW of solar energy to 30 remote communities across the Territory.

“The Northern Territory Government is always looking for innovative, cost efficient ways to supply electricity in remote parts of the Territory.

“Not only will this benefit the communities, it will reduce the dependency on diesel out bush and lessens the associated environmental impact.”

The Territory Government will work with the Commonwealth Government on the announced changes in the coming months.

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