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5 YEAR GRANTS TO DELIVER CERTAINTY

A Labor government will deliver certainty for the non-government sector, build meaningful partnerships that will benefit the community and save on Government administration costs by introducing 5 year grants to non government organisations across the Territory.

Michael Gunner has further announced that a Labor Government will strengthen the Territory’s Indigenous organisations and improve our ability to work together by supporting the Indigenous peak body APONT with $250 000 per year.

“Labor believes that the Territory has a strong and vibrant non-government sector in health and welfare, sports and the arts. We want them to be focused on delivery and not on administration.” Michael Gunner said.

“Most organisations get one year funding and spend a big part of their year preparing applications for the following year.

“As a result, important time and resources have to be directed towards dealing with government by the sector. The government has to direct resources at receiving and dealing with this paperwork. There are no wins here at all.

“Labor believes in reducing red tape and focusing on outcomes not on outputs,”

“This decision is also based on the strong belief by Labor that the Territory needs focused, sustainable partnerships to tackle the challenges that face us. This means we have to change the way we operate as a government.

“We’ve got to do it differently. We’ve got to do it better and we’ve got to do it together,” Michael Gunner said.

Reporting on the progress of grants will not be as onerous as it currently is.

Michael Gunner further announced that the Labor Government will increase secondment arrangements between the Government and the non-government sector.

“It is important for both the Northern Territory government and the non-government sector to collaborate and work closely on projects of importance to the Territory. We will back the good work being done with a staffing commitment.
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MICHAEL GUNNER
TERRITORY LABOR LEADER

“These secondments will benefit the public servants involved providing them with more experience in the frontline services being delivered.

Labor’s plan for NGO’s will save government money in administrative costs, cut red tape and provide certainty for the NGO sector.

A Labor Government will work with Indigenous organisations, in particular the peak body APONT, to begin the long journey to improved health, welfare, education and employment outcomes for Indigenous Territorians.

“Now more than ever it is critical we have a close working partnership between government and Indigenous leadership.” Michael Gunner said.

“APONT is a widely regarded and respected peak organisation who can speak for Indigenous organisations across the Territory. If we are to change the health, welfare, educational and employment outcomes of Indigenous Territorians government and groups such as APONT must be in a close partnership.

“To ensure that APONT are resourced with staff to assist with these challenges we will provide $250 000 per year for their operations,”

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