Michael Gunner
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

Lauren Moss
Minister for Environment and Natural Resources

**Labor delivers for the environment**

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Chief Minister Michael Gunner and Minister for the Environment Lauren Moss today delivered on an election commitment, by guaranteeing funding for three of the Territory’s most important environmental groups.

The Environment Centre of the Northern Territory (ECNT) in Darwin and the Arid Lands Environment Centre (ALEC) have both received letters confirming the Northern Territory Government will provide $100,000 worth of funding.

The Environmental Defenders Office (EDO) will also receive $50,000 from the Government.

Mr Gunner and Ms Moss today visited ALEC and personally delivered the letter guaranteeing their $100,000 in funding.

All three of these organisations had their funding cut by the previous government, which had a detrimental effect on the environmental oversight within the Northern Territory.

This funding will provide these organisations with the ability to provide policy support to the Northern Territory Government and to advocate on behalf of Territorians and our unique environment.

Labor was clear about its policy of strengthening environment protection and Territorians have supported that policy.

Organisations such as these are vital to sustain the pristine and valuable environment that Territorians have to enjoy, as well as protecting the tourism, fisheries and agricultural industries.

**Quotes attributable to Chief Minister Michael Gunner:**

“This funding will go a long way in providing certainty and stability for these important environmental organisations.”

“In guaranteeing this funding, we are fulfilling a key election commitment.”
Quotes attributable to Environment Minister Lauren Moss:

“Looking after the environment is of vital importance to Territorians. These organisations do incredibly important work in protecting what we value most.”
“The Gunner Government is committed to strong environmental reform and increased transparency and I am pleased that we are already fulfilling our environmental election commitments.”

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