Dear public sector employee

Today I am announcing changes to the Ministry and to some Northern Territory Public Sector agencies.

The agency arrangements reflect my Government’s focus on:

- **continued economic and regional development and job creation**, by combining business, regional and Indigenous economic development in a single agency and including tourism under the umbrella of that agency; and aligning all primary industries into another agency;

- **infrastructure**, by bringing together all infrastructure functions to maximise resources and improve the delivery of Government’s infrastructure program;

- **environment and conservation**, by refocusing similar functions to further streamline service delivery and enhance outcomes in key areas including environmental and cultural conservation and industry development; and

- **Indigenous economic development and job creation** as well as delivering improved outcomes in education, health and well being for Indigenous Territorians.

**Health, education and training and public safety** continue to be high priority areas for government and will be serviced under existing agency arrangements.

The changes will not have a significant impact on most staff. Where staff groupings will be realigned, it is my intention that this takes place as smoothly as possible. Accordingly, I have established a Chief Executive’s Taskforce under the leadership of the head of my department to oversee implementation of the changes and to ensure that people are the priority in this exercise.

I believe today’s changes will further enhance the ability of the NTPS to deliver better outcomes for Territorians and I encourage you learn more about the changes by visiting the internet site [http://www.nt.gov.au/dcm/ntps](http://www.nt.gov.au/dcm/ntps)

Thank you for your hard work and support during the first term of my Government. I remain impressed by your professionalism and dedication and it is my privilege to continue to work with you.

**Best wishes**

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