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Important Business in Nhulunbuy

Minister for Regional Development Karl Hampton today visited Nhulunbuy to meet with key community stakeholders including Rio Tinto Alcan, the Nhulunbuy Corporation and East Arnhem Shire representatives.

“As the Minister for Regional Development it is important to regularly visit towns and communities across the Territory and listen to the issues and concerns they have,” Mr Hampton said.

“It was fantastic today to meet and speak to so many local residents and business people with local member Lynne Walker.

“Nhulunbuy is an important mining and service centre for the East Arnhem and the Territory Government is committed to growing the region.

“It was interesting to meet young businessmen Damien Djerkurra who runs a contracting business in the town and Timmy Burrawanga who owns Bawaka Cultural Tours.

“Both spoke very positively about the future outlook for their businesses.

“They have been assisted by the Department of Regional Development’s Indigenous Development Program.

“The program is designed to assist Indigenous businesses start up or expand; the program is assisted by Regional Development staff in each region.”

Member for Nhulunbuy Lynne Walker spoke positively of the visit highlighting the significance for local residents to have the opportunity to meet face to face and discuss issues of importance with Ministers.

“A number of Henderson Government Ministers have recently visited the region and this is very significant to the people of Nhulunbuy ensuring when decisions are made the opinions of the community are taken into account, she said.

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