Northern Territory Welcomes $32.5 Million CRC Investment

The Territory Government has welcomed the Federal Government’s $32.5 million investment in a new Cooperative Research Centre in Central Australia.

Minister for Central Australia Karl Hampton said the new Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) will be based at the Desert Knowledge Precinct in Alice Springs.

Mr Hampton said the new CRC will provide an evidence base to help transform the lives, opportunities, enterprises and communities of people living in Central Australia.

“The new CRC will support the commitment by the Territory and Federal Governments to Close the Gap on Indigenous disadvantage,” Mr Hampton said.

“It will have positive implications for the Territory’s 20 Growth Towns and ties in well with our Indigenous Economic Development Strategy to create jobs and support businesses in our remote Indigenous communities.

“The new CRC will also develop a strong focus on research and innovation.

“The facility will follow on from the successful Desert Knowledge CRC, and will apply scientific, economic and sociological advances to overcome disadvantage for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians living in remote Australia.

“The Territory Government has invested more than $1 million into the Desert Knowledge CRC, and this announcement by Federal Senator Kim Carr will deliver further social, environmental and economic outcomes for the Territory.”

The CRC will focus on three program areas:

- **Regional Economies** - strengthening the economy of remote regions;
- **Enterprise Development** - building remote enterprises to provide jobs and livelihoods; and
- **Investing in People** - improving the education and training pathways for people living in remote regions

More information is available at [www.crc.gov.au](http://www.crc.gov.au)