NTG brokers new $24.2 million CDEP deal

Local Government Minister, Malarndirri McCarthy has successfully negotiated a new deal which will see the funding from CDEP to real jobs program increase to $24.2 million extending the program until 30 June 2011.

Minister McCarthy advised the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT), and Shire Council Mayors and Presidents of the new negotiated arrangement for the Shires via a teleconference today.

“This is very welcome news for the 500 employees and their families across the Shires in the Northern Territory,” said Ms McCarthy.

“LGANT has agreed to work with the each Shire to develop long term employment plans.

“Of the $24.2 million the Northern Territory Government’s contribution is $14.9 million.

“Highlights of the package includes:
- $7.3 million for Indigenous employment in core services,
- an extra $200,000 to LGANT to assist Shire councils in planning for the transition to long term employment outcomes and ongoing workforce development, and
- $5 million ongoing from the National Partnership Agreement for the introduction in 2010-11 of a Housing Management Program with specific Indigenous employment outcomes to provide alternative employment opportunities.

“This is all about securing real jobs for Territorians and ensuring that workers can have job security and certainty that they will be able to support their families.

“The Northern Territory Government will continue to work with the Shires and the Australian Government to ensure Territorians have secure employment options.”

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