FAIR PAY DEAL FOR SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY SECTOR WORKERS

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Low-paid, mainly female workers across the Northern Territory will benefit from the Country Liberals Government’s decision to support Fair Work Australia’s landmark decision to grant pay rises of between 23% and 45% to workers in the social and community services sector.

Women’s Policy Minister, Robyn Lambley, said the Country Liberals welcomed the measure in Opposition, and in Government has backed up that support with a significant dollar contribution.

“The Mills Government will provide additional funding of around $75million over the phase-in period and $17.5million ongoing from 2020-21,” Mrs Lambley said.

“This means pay rises for some of the Territory’s lowest paid workers, most of whom are women.

“Additional funding from the Territory Government to affected NGOs will commence in December.

“Negotiations with the Commonwealth Government regarding additional funding for programs funded through various national agreements are on-going.

“I’m extremely proud to represent a Government that is committed to assisting this vital component of the Northern Territory economy.

“The funding is good news for affected workers and for members of the public for whom they provide an invaluable service.

“Workers affected include those employed by non-government organisations providing a range of services including social work, recreation work, welfare work, youth work, community development work, disability services or advocacy.

“The Fair Work Australia determination brings wages for non-government workers in the social and community services sectors into line with Government employees who provide similar services.”

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