The Northern Territory Government is ready to roll out a new Homelands Policy.

Minister for Regional Development, Alison Anderson said approximately 10,000 Aboriginal people live on 500 homelands across the Territory, and this policy ensures homeland residents have the same standard of living which all other Australian should expect.

“The Territory and Australian governments provide $20 million a year for the next decade towards improving the living standards of Homeland residents,” Ms Anderson said.

“The NT Government has allocated an extra $14 million over the next three years to fund the Homelands Extra Program. For eligible households, the Homelands Extra program provides housing upgrades and other benefits to improve the lives of residents.

“This policy outlines the shared responsibility between governments, service providers, landholders and residents.

“The NT Government has conducted comprehensive consultations with service providers prior to implementing this policy.

“We have received important feedback on this policy through service provider forums held in Alice Springs, Katherine, Darwin and Nhulunbuy.

“We have also heard directly from key service providers including Laynhapuy, Demed, Marthakal, Julalakari and Ingerreke.

“We all share responsibility for the preservation of Aboriginal people’s culture, and we need to work together to achieve the best possible results for the future of our homelands.”

To find out more about the new Homelands Policy visit www.regionaldevelopment.nt.gov.au

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