The Country Liberals Government has committed $14 million over four years to support homelands and outstations.

Regional Development Minister Alison Anderson said the introduction of Homelands Plus will mean eligible houses in homelands and outstations will receive $5200 in works by eligible service providers.

“Homes will only be eligible if they’re the principle place of residence and the children attend school,” Ms Anderson said.

“There is significant health and cultural advantages around proceeding with this boosted homelands policy.”

In addition to Homelands Extra, the Territory Government has reformed homelands policy to:

- provide clarity and decision-making power to homeland residents by requiring homeland service providers to provide a basic report for homeland regions
- provide a new funding methodology will provide an equitable funding amount for each homeland, and
- increase the accountability and transparency of funding provided to Homelands Service Providers.

The Country Liberals Government also launched the Regional Development Framework which brings communities together when planning development in the regions by forming Regional Development Committees (RDCs)

Under the framework RDCs have a direct line to Territory Government decision makers and representation on the Australian Government’s Regional Development Australia Northern Territory Committee.

Ms Anderson said the new Regional Development Framework gives voices back to people in regional Northern Territory, while strengthening networks and partnerships between community business and industry.

“This is the first time we have input from Federal, Territory and local communities when bidding for funding for regional development,” Ms Anderson said.

“The framework will mean the needs of communities are not ignored and funding is prioritised from the correct level of government.”

The Department of Regional Development and Women’s Policy will make annual savings of around $1.5 million through general efficiencies in the areas of fleet, consulting and travel.
The Country Liberals Government is taking responsible action to ensure Territorians in regions get the attention they deserve.

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