Primary Industries and Fisheries Minister Paul Henderson is in Kidman Springs in the Victoria River District today for a pastoral production Field Day.

Mr Henderson said the Field Day was a chance for primary producers to look at ways to increase the Territory’s pastoral production.

"Partnerships between Government, the pastoral industry and indigenous groups are the key to increasing the capacity of our industry to meet demand for the NT’s live cattle exports," Mr Henderson said.

"The Victoria River region had been at the forefront of innovative research and technological advances in production techniques for many years.

"My department will continue to work closely with groups such as the Katherine Pastoral Industry Advisory Committee to improve production techniques and generate more efficiencies.

"Increasing the capacity of the industry requires opening up more land to pastoral production so, in conjunction with the Indigenous Land Council, we are appointing two additional officers to work with Aboriginal communities to help facilitate pastoral production on Aboriginal lands.

"It’s a win-win for the industry and the communities who will gain much needed investment, infrastructure and, importantly, jobs."

Mr Henderson said the government had also provided the NT Cattlemen’s Association with $35,000 to review abattoir facilities in the Territory.