

## Business News

### Boosting Indigenous Business in the Bush

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A three year, \$6 million *Business in the Bush* program, will address employment priorities identified by Territorians in the bush and rural communities.

Minister for Business Peter Styles said the aim of the *Business in the Bush* package is to provide sustainable job opportunities, as well as grow and strengthen business enterprise.

"By responding to needs and gaps recognised by Indigenous Territorians, the Northern Territory Government will give businesses access to skilled employees and improve workforce participation," Mr Styles said.

"The challenges facing Indigenous Territorians and people in the bush are different to those in other areas, which is why the Territory Government has announced a dedicated *Business in the Bush* program.

"The Giles Government is committed to supporting Territorians in their daily lives. By offering workers the opportunity to connect with jobs that are available outside their community, they will reap the benefits in terms of financial independence and extra skills."

Budget 2015 will deliver six interconnected and complementary *Business in the Bush* programs which are:

- Bush Business Support and Growth;
- Indigenous Business Tender Support;
- Business Technology Enabler;
- Business Directories and Job profiles;
- Indigenous Workforce Mobility; and
- Indigenous Employment.

"The *Business in the Bush* programs will help businesses operate in small communities," said Minister Styles.

"The Business Directory will identify and record businesses and community-based organisations in particular remote communities.

"The ability for these programs to help business get online is a good advantage to businesses in remote areas" said Carley Scott, CEO of Developing East Arnhem Limited.

There will also be a continuation of the program to help position Indigenous enterprises to compete and win tenders supporting businesses through the application process.

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