



Northern Land Council

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New positions to drive economic development

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Northern Land Council (NLC) Chief Executive Officer Mr Kim Hill has welcomed additional Federal Government funding which will see 10 new positions created within the organisation.

Mr Hill said the recurrent funds, which were recently approved by the Federal Indigenous Affairs Minister Jenny Macklin, would help the NLC facilitate economic development opportunities for traditional owners living in its seven regions.

“The new funding will allow the NLC to employ an additional two lawyers, two anthropologists and six economic development officers – all on a full-time basis,” Mr Hill said.

“These positions are vital to the building of new bush businesses and industries, which will assist traditional owners in gaining regular and ongoing incomes.

“It’s imperative that we break the cycle of income dependence by giving Aboriginal peoples the chance to build their own economies.”

Mr Hill said the new employees would provide valuable guidance on compliance issues, allowing traditional owners to plan and develop business models which will be successful long-term.

He said the funding also demonstrated the confidence the Federal Government had in the NLC to build economic development opportunities for its traditional owners.

“This represents a strong show of faith in the good work the NLC is doing across the Top End and, most importantly, will help it achieve more positive outcomes for more traditional owners.”