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I attended the Digital Strategy forum today in Alice Springs and have to complement the coordinators, immensely interesting and efficient event.

My reason for attending was

1. To draw attention to the difficulties for Remote Aged Care Services in getting connected to the Commonwealth Aged Care site to get eg Packages approved for delivery of services. Also the inhibitor for new providers to come into the remote Aged and Disability sector leaving the heavy lifting to Councils. Forget Consumer Directed Care espoused by the Commonwealth! There is major discrimination occurring in these situations. There was a great representation of people at the event with wide Remote experience and I am assured the subject was fully explored.
2. My second reason for attending was however not explored and so I'm forwarding this comment directly to the consultants. The NT Government is aware of the need to retain Seniors in the NT and our presentations to Ministers has repeatedly emphasized the practicality of marketing the NT through a *package* of advantages for retiree's living here. Keeping and attracting them to move here. Connectedness to family is one of the major reasons for people relocating, taking their financial and social capital out of the Territory. Recognizing that connectivity is such an issue the NT government should consider a major project to get Seniors connected by computers or tablets. There is infrastructure already established within our libraries so what is required is expanding the IT capabilities within library resources to allow training for older adults. A government initiative available and marketed to seniors, promotion would be through the Councils, libraries and combined seniors groups who all have a vested interest in acquiring or expanding these skills.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment,

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*National Seniors has around 1,500 members in the Northern Territory and 200,000 nationally.*

*We are the country's largest organisation representing those aged 50 years and older.*

*Membership comprises those in the workforce, on social security pensions and self-funded retirees.*

*This broad-based support enables National Seniors to contribute to public education, public debate and community consultation on issues of direct relevance to older Australians.*