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Opposition Leader, Terry Mills, focused on planning issues and Territory development during an address at the Northern Territory Chamber of Commerce summit this afternoon. Mr Mills said he would make training and workforce development a priority if the Country Liberals are elected to Government. During the address, Mr Mills recalled the Country Liberals strong record of delivery in the years after Self Government which included development of gas fired power stations, construction of numerous education facilities, the growth of Palmerston, planning for Weddell, construction of East Arm Port and securing the Alice Springs to Darwin railway. He said the Planning for Greater Darwin discussion paper, released last year, continued that tradition. “Planning for Greater Darwin not only describes what needs to be done, but also outlines how it will be done,” Mr Mills said. “It underscores the importance of our policy to put greater emphasis on long-term strategic planning and decision making. Mr Mills called for the Productivity Commission to investigate the cost benefits of the National Broadband Network. He also said he would end years of Government dithering by locating future heavy industrial development on the Gunn Peninsula. “Clearly, a sustainable long term strategic plan would have future heavy industry built outside of the Harbour,” Mr Mills said. He also called for better co-ordination of training services in the Northern Territory and highlighted the Government’s failure to deliver on its promise to develop an Oil and Gas Institute at Charles Darwin University. Further comment: Terry Mills 0418 833 594