Chief Minister Terry Mills and Primary Industry Minister, Willem Westra van Holthe, have inspected infrastructure at the centre of Australia’s cattle supply chain with Indonesia.

Mr Mills and Mr Westra van Holthe led a Country Liberals Government delegation to Tanjung Unggul Mandiri (TUM) feedlot and Selapajang Abattoir on Jakarta’s outskirts to progress the commitment to developing a three-hub economy and strengthening relationships between the Territory and Indonesian cattle industries.

“TUM owns both facilities and is one of the largest buyers of Northern Territory cattle,” Mr Mills said.

“The feedlot and abattoir operations are of a high standard, with animal welfare a priority.

“The Northern Territory has a role to play in assisting Indonesia achieve its goal of food security and today’s visit provided us and TUM officials with a chance to discuss key issues affecting the industry from the perspective of both countries,

“TUM has gone to considerable effort to ensure cattle are properly treated - as is the case with the vast majority of similar facilities in Indonesia.

“A priority of the Mills Government is to build relationships with Indonesia and to work through any challenges that might emerge.

“Food exports are a key component of the Country Liberals Government’s plan to develop a three-hub economy and Indonesia, which has had economic growth averaging around six per cent a year over the past five years, is an obvious target for future partnerships.”

Mr Westra van Holthe said it is critical to understand how policies of both the Indonesian and Commonwealth governments play out at a grass roots level.

“There are complex issues to work through but there is huge potential to build on the relationship that was forged over 30 years ago by the previous Country Liberals Government,” Mr Westra van Holthe said.

“I am looking at growing horticulture, links between Indonesia and the Territory into the future as well sharing intellectual property in areas including cattle breeding, and pasture improvement.”

Mr Mills and Mr Westra van Holthe will meet with Indonesian Agriculture Minister Suswono later this week.