Chief Minister Adam Giles has outlined the Country Liberal Government's progress towards rebuilding the Territory during its first year in office and is unveiling a new strategic blueprint for the Territory's future.

"Twelve months of Country Liberals Government has moved the Territory back on track after 11 years of Labor mismanagement. It has been a busy and productive year," Mr Giles.

"My Government has begun addressing Labor's $5.5 billion debt mess with a disciplined and responsible program of economic reforms.

"Our economy is the envy of the nation with the fastest growth rate in Australia. The Government has been working hard to re-engage with the Territory's Asian neighbours and has already started expanding our trade.

"My team has re-set government's relationship with the bush, delivering long-overdue local government reforms, restoring a voice to remote communities and making regional development a priority.

"We have expanded our police force to make our streets safer and have started tackling the difficult social issues facing the Territory including alcohol abuse.

"We have achieved a great deal in a year but there is more to do and today I am unveiling a draft strategic blueprint, Framing the Future, which sets out my Government's priorities for the next three years.

The new blueprint focuses on four strategic goals: a prosperous economy, a strong society, a balanced environment and a confident culture.

"All Ministers, government agencies and community organisations will have a role to play in achieving a better future for the Territory and I look forward to working with Territorians as we put the blueprint into action.

"Framing the Future will guide Government decision making over the years ahead and will be a tool for Ministers and government agencies to ensure our work is focused on what is important to Territorians," Mr Giles said.

"It will help Government maximise the new and evolving opportunities within the Territory, north Australia and with our Asian neighbours."
“Our economy is strong, our culture is vibrant and our lifestyle and environment are enviable. My government has an ambitious plan to build on this and grow the Territory into the future – this blueprint underpins that vision.”

Framing the Future’s four strategic goals are:

• **A Prosperous Economy:**
  that creates wealth and jobs; is competitive and innovative; is built on exports and the needs of our trading partners; captures the energy and opportunities across the Territory; and, attracts new local, national and international investment.

• **A Strong Society:**
  that values an individual’s right to freedom; where everyone has the same access to opportunities and resources; which supports the most vulnerable; that is safe for all.

• **A Balanced Environment:**
  that provides opportunities for use, preservation and protection; that mitigates impact while maximising opportunity.

• **A Confident Culture**
  that is proud of and confident in the Territory; values and celebrates diversity; that has a focus on a healthy, active and enjoyable lifestyle that takes full advantage of the unique features the Territory has to offer.

“Framing the Future is currently a draft blueprint and the Government invites public feedback, so please log on and have your say at www.nt.gov.au/framingthefuture,” Mr Giles said.

“You can also provide comment by emailing framingthefuture@nt.gov.au or writing to GPO Box 4396, Darwin NT 0801.”

Comments are welcome until the 31st of October.

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