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The Country Liberals Government has introduced 61 pieces of legislation since coming to office in August last year, showing a commitment to moving the Territory forward.

The legislation covers a wide range of issues including law and order, business, health, lifestyle and reducing red tape.

Leader of Government Business John Elferink on the final day of parliamentary sittings for 2013 said he was proud of the Country Liberals Government’s achievements and was confident of the positive affect this legislation would have on Territorians.

“In the last 15 months, the Country Liberals Government has been proactive and engaged and has passed legislation that will make the Territory a safer and better place to reside and conduct business,” Mr Elferink said.

Significant legislation to pass through Parliament since the Country Liberals came to Government include:

- Mandatory Sentencing – punishes offenders to the expectations of the community for the crimes they commit
- Alcohol Protection Orders – provides police with a new tool to fight alcohol-related crime
- Alcohol Mandatory Treatment – assists problem drinkers to break the cycle of alcohol addiction
- One Punch Homicide – closes a gap in the law where a person has killed another and it is not possible to prosecute for manslaughter or murder
- Pastoral Land – allows pastoralists to run non-pastoral business enterprises on their land for thirty years

Several pieces of legislation have also provided greater independence to agencies and include the creation of an independent Environmental Protection Agency and Planning Commission.

Mr Elferink said a commitment was made to Territorians to take action and work hard to develop a thriving economy, create a confident culture, balanced environment and a society that is proud and strong; and this Government will continue to deliver this.

“I make a guarantee to Territorians that we will continue to work with the community to introduce legislation for a positive future for years to come,” Mr Elferink said.

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