PARTNERSHIP DELIVERING FOR TERRITORY ECONOMY

The strong partnership between the Territory and Federal Governments has delivered for the Territory economy at the Council of Australian Governments meeting in Sydney today, Chief Minister Paul Henderson said.

Mr Henderson and Treasurer Delia Lawrie attended the meeting to deliver national reforms that will allow Territory businesses to more easily attract skilled workers.

“The single biggest issue for Territory businesses in our strongly growing economy is attracting and keeping skilled workers,” Mr Henderson said.

“COAG has today agreed to cut the red-tape between states and allow nationwide recognition of qualifications in key shortage areas including building, electrical, plumbing, air-conditioning and transport industries.

“This is a good outcome for Territory businesses, making it much easier to recruit the skilled workers they need to take up the opportunities on offer in the Territory.

“COAG has today agreed to progress reforms on nationwide Occupational Health and Safety legislation.

“COAG has committed to a national focus on improving early childhood outcomes for Indigenous children to continue to close the gap on Indigenous disadvantage.

“I welcome the Prime Minister’s commitment to establish Children and Family Centres in high-need areas across the country, and my Government will work with the Commonwealth to deliver centres for the Territory.”

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