Northern Territory small businesses are again the most confident in Australia according to the latest Sensis® Business Index released today.

Minister for Business and Economic Development, Kon Vatskalis, said businesses were reaping the benefits as the Territory economy continues to buck national trends.

“The Northern Territory is the place to work and invest – and the Government is working hard to make sure small businesses benefit,” said Mr Vatskalis.

“More than 5800 new jobs have been created in the Territory in the last year and we have the fastest growing economy and the highest retail spending growth in the country.

“That’s great news for Territory small business, and that confidence is supported by today’s Sensis survey.

“According to the Sensis survey, Territory small and medium businesses have recorded the highest expectations for the coming quarter for sales, profitability, wages and prices – and that means confidence to reinvest and grow their operations.

“I am pleased to see support from small and medium business for the Government’s policies rose for the third successive quarter, for the highest approval rating for any state or territory government.

“The Henderson Government is committed to creating a can-do business environment, including making the Northern Territory the lowest taxing jurisdiction for small business in the country and providing support for businesses to take on apprentices and trainees.
“We will also continue to support and fight for major projects such as the $12 billion Inpex plant because the economic benefits and opportunities flow through to small business.

“Strong economic growth and business confidence does not happen by accident, and we will continue to support small business because it means a stronger economic future for Territory families.”

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