Minister for Business and Employment, Delia Lawrie, today announced the establishment of the Streamline Business Taskforce to cut red tape and save businesses time, money and hassle as we gear up for growth.

“The Territory is entering the most significant phase of economic growth in its history and it is vital we continue our efforts to cut red tape that could impede business growth,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The Territory is already the lowest taxing jurisdiction for SMEs in Australia and the Henderson Government continues to strive to improve conditions for business.

“The Streamline Business Taskforce brings together business and government to identify and fix specific areas where red tape is placing impediments on business.”

The Taskforce will be headed by the Department of Business and Employment and include representatives from the NT Chamber of Commerce, Master Builders Association, Government Procurement Council, Minerals Council, Business Council, Land Development Corporation, Urban Development Institute of Australia, NT Property Council, Department of Construction and Infrastructure, Power and Water Corporation and the Department of Lands and Planning.

It will work consultatively with Territory business and Government agencies and other stakeholders to identify and reduce practices unduly imposing costs and time delays on business.

In providing advice to make business simpler, the taskforce will assess past and current NT regulatory reform and red tape reduction initiatives in other jurisdictions, including federally, interstate and New Zealand as part of national action under the COAG Meeting Red Tape Challenge.

“The scope of the taskforce will be extensive, encompassing issues around procurement, property development and other regulation,” Ms Lawrie said.
“This initiative sits alongside our major procurement reforms also announced today as key planks of the Henderson Government’s commitment to supporting local businesses as we gear up for growth.”

The taskforce will report on interim priority actions within one month, with a final report to government by 30 November 2012.

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