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CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

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Tonight’s launch of the Country Liberals Manifesto will give Territorians a clear roadmap of the Party’s direction as we move towards the August election, says Opposition Leader, Terry Mills.

Mr Mills said the Manifesto outlines the significant differences between the Country Liberals and Labor, with a focus on the needs of Territorians.

“It’s a clear statement of who we are, what we stand for and why we should become the next Government of the Northern Territory,” Mr Mills said.

“The Manifesto’s centerpiece is a determination to shift control of the Territory back to the Territory after five years of compliance to the Federal Labor machine in Canberra.

The Manifesto commits a future Country Liberals Government to ending the nanny state, reducing red tape and putting the interests of the Territory first.

“If elected the Country Liberals will take up the fight to Canberra on issues that affect Territorians like the carbon tax, the mining tax and the live cattle export ban,” Mr Mills said.

“The Manifesto commits the Country Liberals to cleaning up the Henderson Government’s mess, starting with the Territory’s soaring debt levels and reducing the burden of high interest payments which will top $200million annually over the forward estimates period.

“This is money that should be used to tackle crime, improve our schools and hospitals and meet the needs of a growing population.

“The family budget will be at the forefront of any decisions taken by a Country Liberals Government.

“A Country Liberals Government will make proper planning central to decision making. The lack of vision that has caused rents to sky-rocket and the cost of living to soar will be a thing of the past.
“The Country Liberals will review police resources, put more police on the beat, return call centres to the communities they serve, improve transparency by releasing quarterly crime statistics, introduce tougher sentences for assaults and make it harder for violent criminals to get bail.

“We will scrap the Banned Drinker Register, make a clear commitment to cleaning up our parks and work with fishos to protect our lifestyle.

“As well as looking forward, the Manifesto details some of the achievements of the Country Liberals in Government including its strong record in infrastructure development and lifestyle enhancements.

“The Country Liberals have a proud history in the Northern Territory – and we promise change for the better into the future.”

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