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GILES AFFIRMS NEW ORDER FOR GOVERNMENT

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Chief Minister Adam Giles has used Parliament today to outline his vision for the Northern Territory and signal a new order for the Territory Government.

In his first Parliamentary Sittings since being sworn in as Chief Minister, Mr Giles said his focus was firmly on Territorians.

“The Government I lead will be a new Government with a new order,” Mr Giles said.

“My Government will deliver better and tangible outcomes for all Territorians.

“We will do this by listening, being thoughtful in our responses and compassionate. Policies will be implemented that are evidenced-based and encourage and reflect the actions of Territorians.

“We know above all Territorians want affordable housing. That’s why my Government is moving quickly to identify land that can be fast tracked towards release and made available to Territorians.

“We will succeed where Labor failed.

“We will govern for the whole Territory, no region will be ignored and no member of the community will be overlooked. Territorians will be treated as one and the same; all aspects of government will be for all Territorians.

“My Government will cut waste and reduce Labor’s debt, strengthen law and order, expand our economy, plan properly for the future and be accountable.

“Make no mistake about it paying off Labor’s debt is absolutely critical to our future.

“Under Labor, the Territory was heading towards $5.5 billion debt.

“Under Labor, Territorians are currently seeing $750,000 of their hard-earned taxes being spent on interest repayments on Labor’s debt every single day.

“My Government will seek to have the budget back in the black by 2017/18. Savings will be made where possible and we will be financially responsible unlike the former Treasurer and now Opposition Leader, Delia Lawrie who is the reason we’re in this mess.

“We will not stoop to Labor’s level. We will not let Labor’s toxic attacks distract us from delivering from Territorians.

“And we will provide clear direction moving forward to a better future.”

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