Adam Giles
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

**Darwin discount fuel outlet moves forward**

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A discount fuel stop in Berrimah is a step closer with the Territory Government shortlisting four companies for the proposed ‘Truck Central’ development.

“The four shortlisted applicants have been approved to prepare a detailed proposal for a design that incorporates a Truck stop, fuel station, 24 hour restaurant and rest/fatigue facilities within the 16 hectare development,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“They have until 31 March to submit their formal ideas after an initial expression of interest process late last year.”

“We are working with the Land Development Corporation to stimulate greater competition in the fuel market by offering this critical land adjacent to the high traffic intersection of Tiger Brennan Drive and Wishart Road for this new ‘fuel station and associated 70 hectare Transport Industry Precinct.

Truck Central and the Transport Industry Precinct are strategically located at the heart of Greater Darwin’s arterial road network in the centre of a 14 kilometre radius that encompasses the CBD, Northern Suburbs, Palmerston and rural areas.

“The key condition for any successful proponent wanting to lease this prime land will be a commitment to be a price leader on fuel and the four shortlisted proponents have all made commitments in this regard.”

The selection of the preferred applicant and negotiation of final commercial terms are to be undertaken and finalised in the second quarter of 2015, allowing the Truck Central development, including key earthworks, to begin in mid-2015.

“Figures from the Australian Institute of Petroleum released this week show that unleaded fuel across the Territory is now an average of 40.1 cents a litre cheaper than it was a year ago. That’s down almost 25 per cent,” Mr Giles said.

The gap between Territory and interstate fuel prices has also narrowed since the Government convened its fuel summit in October.
The average difference between the Territory and the rest of the nation is now 11.5 cents a litre. A year ago, Territory prices were 20.3 cents per litre higher.

“This fuel stop is another way the Country Liberals are working to reduce the fuel burden on Territory families and drive down the cost of living,” Mr Giles said.

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