Adam Giles
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

Territory unemployment rate still the lowest in Australia

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The latest unemployment figures show that the Country Liberals Government’s plan to grow the economy is delivering more jobs, better services and improving our unique way of life, Chief Minister Adam Giles said today.

The Territory’s trend unemployment rate fell 0.1 per cent to 4.1 per cent in December, the lowest in the country and far below the national average of 5.8 per cent.

Mr Giles said the Country Liberals Government had worked hard to rebuild the Territory’s economy, the Government’s finances and business confidence since coming to office.

“These figures highlight that the Northern Territory is the best place to live, work and play in Australia,” he said.

“While we know there is more to be done to ensure all Territorians share in economic growth and prosperity, our plan is getting results with the Northern Territory the best performing jurisdiction in the country.

“Not only does the Northern Territory have the lowest unemployment rate, we also have the highest employment participation rate with 11,000 more people in work now compared to three years ago and our economic growth is forecast to outstrip the rest of the nation.

“In 2016, the Country Liberals Government will keep working hard to attract more investment, business and jobs to the Northern Territory so we can maintain Australia’s lowest unemployment rate.

“In particular, there is the potential for more jobs in tourism, energy, mining and the maritime service sector.

“Only the Country Liberals Government has a plan to create more jobs and opportunities in a strong economy, deliver better services and improve our unique way of life.

“Only the Country Liberals Government has a plan to secure the Territory’s future and ensure our economy continues to go from strength to strength.”

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