Restoring trust for a healthy environment and a strong economy

Territory Labor Leader Michael Gunner today announced Labor’s plan to protect our unique natural assets while giving business and industry the certainty and confidence to invest.

Mr Gunner said that Territory Labor understands a healthy and intact ecosystem is the key to a sustainable economy, healthy and safe communities and ensuring future generations can experience the natural beauty and wonder the Territory has to offer.

“Protecting the environment is smart economic and social policy,” Mr Gunner said.

“Adam Giles and the CLP destroyed trust and confidence in Government to protect the environment and manage development sustainably.

“A Labor Government will restore trust and confidence in our environmental protection processes through the following reforms:

- Transfer all environmental regulation and enforcement to the EPA and the Department of the Environment;
- Streamline and simplify environmental regulation to provide the community, business and industry with confidence and certainty;
- Increase transparency of mine management and environmental management plans by making them public and enforceable as conditions of operation;
- Ensure that all significant developments, including ports, are subject to scrutiny and assessment; and
- Ensure the community has a voice at the start of the environmental assessment process.

“A Labor Government will work constructively with business, industry, environment groups and the community to implement these reforms in a way that protects the environment and creates jobs.”

A Territory Labor Government will provide funding to key environmental groups to employ policy officers, including:

- $100,000 per annum to the Environment Centre of the NT.
- $100,000 per annum to the Arid Lands Environment Centre.
- $50,000 per annum to the Environmental Defenders Office NT.

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