2016 will be a pivotal year for our Parliamentarians.

But for Territorians it will be the year their collective voice carries the most significant weight.

In six short months an election will decide the direction of the next four years in the Northern Territory.

Despite a CLP Government that has spent much of its term embroiled in scandal and infighting, this is not an election that should be won through default by Labor Opposition.

Territorians deserve to know through smart, thorough and transparent policies what politicians will do to make the Northern Territory a better place to live, work and raise families.

As it stands the Northern Territory is at a junction, with an economy that has slowed after years of prosperity.

Compounding this for “mum and dad investors” in the Territory is the issue of vacancy rates, at 13-year record highs resulting in around 800 apartments sitting empty in Darwin city right at this moment.

This has been brought to a head through both a continuing NT population decline and a Government whose gung-ho major problems have been fore¬casted, casting an uncertain net over the economic future of the Territory.

And as private demand in construction softens, 2016 will present a precarious breath¬holding game for the construc¬tion sector, many within who are now wondering where the next job will come from.

To date not much discussion has occurred from either side about how they plan to significantly increase our population growth.

We need to increase our numbers substantially in order to attract and facilitate companies and rejuvenate investment. Crime and anti-social behaviour is another massive thorn in the side of the CLP — formerly a major source of fuel — formerly a major problem for business owners why it should remain in Government.

New economic opportunities must be a priority to keep the wheels of the NT chugging along.

And the reason there is no clear air is because Government ministers continue to embroil themselves in controversy meaning they have become off-focus on the issues that really matter to Territorians.

The reason it is having on residents. So much so that police have taken to issuing warnings about vigilante groups taking matters into their own hands.

Drinkers anti-social itiner¬ant behaviour is another hot issue, with some pockets in Darwin suffering more than most. In Nightcliff — which saw the closure of the Police station by the CLP Govern¬ment upon coming to office — there has been an unprecedented escalation in aggressive swearing, spitting, vomiting drunks causing major problems for business owners.

These are the issues we need clear air to be discussing right now.

Six months out from an election and the CLP Govern¬ment has been unable to get any traction to execute to voters why it should remain in Government.

This is not the fault of the NT News despite the Govern¬ment occasionally making thinly veiled and personal refer¬ences to reporters who are simply doing their jobs.

Election's plans for the NT are.

PARTIES NEED TO SPELL OUT THEIR ROAD TO THE FUTURE

New drug driving laws now apply in the Northern Territory. NT Police have the power to require any driver to submit to drug testing.

Taking drugs affects driving performance and increases your risk of crashing and being seriously injured or killed. Drugs and driving don’t mix.

For more information on the new laws visit www.roadsafety.nt.gov.au.