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Minister for Primary Industry and Resources

**Largest NT delegation at Australasian Oil and Gas Expo**

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The Territory’s largest business delegation to ever attend the Australasian Oil and Gas (AOG) Expo - Australia’s largest oil and gas exhibition and conference - are in Perth today for the start of the event.

Minister for Primary Industry and Resources Ken Vowles said the participation of the 30 strong ‘Team NT’ delegation shows the Territory Labor Government’s commitment to creating jobs in this important industry.

“Territory Labor is restoring trust in Government by creating jobs and a strong gas and minerals sector will deliver new industries, business opportunities and employment,” Mr Vowles said.

“The NT Jobs Plan identifies ‘gas and minerals’ as one of the economic sectors that will be a focus for government

“Importantly, the AOG event focusses on the promotion of the oil and gas industry’s service and supply sector, offering exposure and business development opportunities.

“It provides small to medium enterprises an excellent opportunity to promote their products and services to some of the region’s major oil and gas companies and key contractors and is a great opportunity to learn about new projects and contracts.”

The Minister will host a ‘Friends of the Territory’ reception tonight which brings all of the NT players and multinational oil and gas companies together in the one room.

“The 30 strong Team NT delegation includes local businesses A&B Welding, SRA Technology, Rusca Brothers, Winnellie Hydraulics and Territory Instruments plus representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, Manufacturers Council, Petroleum Club and Charles Darwin University,” Mr Vowles said

“The AOG event attracts delegates from around the world, with participants including Shell, INPEX, Technip, Conoco and Eni.

“These four major international companies are key long term players in our local oil and gas industry and provide significant benefit to the Territory’s economy.
“This is the first in a series of major petroleum industry events scheduled for 2017 where the Northern Territory Government will support our supply and service companies to bring more business to the Territory and create jobs.”

AOG is being held in Perth from 22 to 24 February.


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