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Investing in the future of the Territory – Country Liberal Party Plan to weather proof our Roads and Bridges

A Country Liberal Party government will target our wealth producing industries – pastoral, mining and tourism - with a major investment program to weather proof the Territory’s network of roads and bridges over 10 years.

The plan will pursue this innovative investment as part of overall infrastructure development and investment as the basis for increased economic activity and short and long term job growth.

Country Liberal Party Leader Denis Burke said the investment to weather proof our roads and bridges is an investment in the economic future of the Territory and will improve transportation, especially in the Beef industry.

“Infrastructure is a national issue and the Country Liberal Party strongly believes in investing in infrastructure development for the future,” Mr Burke said.

“We see the plan to weather proof our roads and bridges as a strategic investment and one that looks forward. It is an investment in the future of the Territory and will particularly support the pastoral industry, tourism and mining.

“The Country Liberal Party will undertake this innovative investment over a period of ten years with a major audit into the status of the Territory’s infrastructure beginning upon being elected to government. The audit will be publicly reported within twelve months and will be conducted regularly afterwards.

“The investment in key infrastructure like our roads and bridges is critical if we want to grow our economy, diversify our industries and provide Territorians with timely and efficient transportation.

“The Country Liberal Party is the only party that has a comprehensive plan for infrastructure investment in the Territory and we will be pursuing this with vigour in the best interests of all Territorians.”