Terry Mills  
Leader of the Opposition

A Proud day for Territorians

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CLP Leader Terry Mills said today's departure of the historic freight train service from Adelaide bound for Darwin was a proud day for the CLP and Territorians who stuck with the vision and determination to link the Top End of Australia with the south.

"It may have been a 100 year promise but it was only after self Government that Territorians had the power to start making it a reality. It was tough…there were many obstacles… and there were plenty of attempts to derail it," Mr Mills said.

"Many dedicated Territorians, who worked on undaunted in the face of all this, deserve to be thanked and honored for what we have achieved and for always believing the railway was more than a faded dream.

"It is indeed a proud day for Territorians and the scores of public servants, consultants, a succession of Chief Ministers and Ministers and so on who showed what the can do spirit of the Territory is all about.

"It will be a proud moment on Saturday standing dockside with the thousands of Territorians as the first train pulls in."

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