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Country Liberal party will forge stronger economic ties with Qld to dilute influence of NSW, Victoria axis

Infrastructure is the most pressing national and Territory issue and it must be driven from the top, Country Liberal Party Leader Denis Burke today.

Mr Burke said while he welcomes any initiative that will actually reduce the cane toad menace and protect our fishing stocks from illegal fishermen, a future CLP Government would be focussing on forging stronger economic ties with Queensland to dilute the influence of the NSW, Victoria axis.

“We share common infrastructure issues such as beef roads and mineral development – these are the issues I would drive to turn the Territory into an economic powerhouse,” Mr Burke said.

“I would also drive gas and energy development. There is no better time to be talking strategic partnerships.

“A Country Liberal Party Government would see Queensland as a potential lucrative customer for Timor Sea gas.

“Darwin and the Territory are strategically located between one of the biggest economic markets in the world to the north and a northern State of Australia that will in all likelihood be more populous than Victoria in 15 years.

“The CLP has already announced the lowest rate of payroll tax and business cuts and is well place to cash in on its strategic location if a northern alliance can be forged.

“I would work with any Government if it turns to the benefit of the Territory.”

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