Country Liberal Party – What We Will Do

First Job Program

The Country Liberal Party’s First Job Program includes;

- A package of incentives for employers to help them attract school leavers and Charles Darwin University (CDU) graduates to get an apprenticeship or traineeship in the Territory to avoid interstate loss,

- An exemption from a requirement for employers to have to pay workers compensation insurance for these new employees for 3 years and includes Government directly paying wage subsidies to trainees. A Country Liberal Party government will underwrite workers compensation claims for these new employees during this period,

- During this 3 year period, the salary of these new employees will not be taken into account in assessing payroll tax thresholds as a further incentive to employ young Territorians,

- Measures to encourage more students through the payment of bursaries to take up apprenticeships and traineeships, with these bursaries continuing with the successful completion of each year of training,

- Working constructively with the Federal government to develop the Darwin Technical College which will provide technical and trades tuition for years 11 and 12 students and apprentices. The Darwin Technical College will be industry-driven to meet their employment needs,

- Ensuring that CDU provides appropriate access to meet industry training requirements with trainers attuned to current industry requirements and who are respected throughout the industry for their knowledge,
The Country Liberal Party will introduce these exciting initiatives to ensure that our young people are attracted to a trade or traineeship as a career. We want to keep our young people here as an investment for the future of the Northern Territory.

The Country Liberal Party will reinvigorate the territory, unleashing the potential that we know it has and once again, making it an economic powerhouse.