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AN URBAN TROPICAL PARADISE

The Country Liberal Party will turn urban areas of the Territory into a tropical paradise with a new Urban Paradise Taskforce, Country Liberal Party Leader Denis Burke said today.

Mr Burke said the Taskforce will be made up of representatives of Government, Local Authorities, Community representatives, Environmental groups and Landscape architects in all major centres across the Territory.

Tasks, for example, will include cleaning up creeks and waterways, beautifying major arterial roads and creating positive entry statements to each of our major cities and towns and reinvigorating the Alice in Ten project.

An extra $10.5 million will be provided, in additional to current funding for urban renewal and community beautification initiatives in Darwin, Alice Springs, Katherine, Tennant Creek, Jabiru and Nhulunbuy.

“We will reinvigorate Corrections Services Community and Prisoner Work Teams,” Mr Burke said.

“The Labor Party has dropped the ball on this program and allowed it to wither.

“It was the Country Liberal Party that initiated these programs for low risk prisoners as part of their rehabilitation.

“It is only right that people who have offended against the community put something back into it before their release.

“These teams will be expanded to help with maintenance of community assets, with priorities set by the Urban Paradise Taskforce.

“On request these teams will be used to assist elderly or disabled people look after their own properties.

“These measures will improve the Territory’s reputation as the most desirable location in Australia to live, work and retire.

“It is part of the Country Liberal Party’s focus to grow the population by making the Territory an attractive whole of life location with a lifestyle second to none.”