The Territory Government continues its push to bring Timor Sea gas onshore to Darwin with Chief Minister, Clare Martin, meeting with Foreign Affairs Minister, Alexander Downer, and East Timor Prime Minister, Mari Alkatiri, over the past few days.

Ms Martin met with Mr Downer in Canberra on Thursday and with Mr Alkatiri in Darwin on Friday to discuss the resolution of ongoing Timor Sea Treaty issues.

"These meetings were timely for the Territory Government to stress the importance of resolving Treaty issues surrounding the Bayu-Undan gas field, and to discuss recent reports that the Federal Government was now more focused on the larger Sunrise gas field," she said.

"We discussed the Federal and East Timorese Governments’ progress regarding Treaty talks during which I emphasised that negotiations must not revolve around developing one field or the other."

Ms Martin said the Territory Government remains confident that Australia can secure gas from both fields onshore to Darwin - delivering huge benefits to Australia and East Timor - and would continue working to achieve that goal.

"It was pleasing that Mr Downer said he was aware of the need to quickly finalise the Timor Sea Treaty and that the Federal Government was still committed to an end-of-the-year deadline," she said.

"While there are some significant differences between the parties, there appears to be a political will to meet a mutually beneficial agreement.

"These projects combined will provide a $50 billion injection into the Australia economy alone and create an extra 10,000 jobs.

"While Mr Downer and Mr Alkatiri said that Treaty talks are moving ahead, the Territory Government will continue to highlight the need for Governments and the gas fields joint developers to work together to bring gas onshore.

"We need Bayu-Undan and Sunrise to come onshore to Darwin to gain maximum benefit for Australia and secure a long-term supply of gas for business and domestic use.

"By working cooperatively, Governments and the projects’ joint venturers can deliver this vision for a fourth national gas hub and Australia’s second international gas hub."

Ms Martin said that she would make more specific proposals on how the Federal Government can help maximise the potential benefits from Timor Sea gas, at a meeting with the Prime Minister in Sydney early next month.

"This is a tremendous economic opportunity for the Northern Territory and this Government is determined to fight to secure the benefits for the Territory and Australia," she said.