Country Liberal Party will Exempt Territory Defence Contractors from Anti-Discrimination Laws

Country Liberal Party Leader Denis Burke today announced that Territory businesses involved in Defence Force contracts will be exempt from Anti-Discrimination laws under an elected CLP government.

Mr Burke said that many Defence Industry companies are required to restrict who they employ based upon strict contracts with the United States and that the Country Liberal Party was prepared to stand up and support these local Defence Industry businesses.

“An elected Country Liberal Party government will make sure that local Defence Force contractors are supported in every way possible and we want to give them the best opportunities to receive more contracts,” Mr Burke said.

“We will help these companies by enabling them to be exempted from the Anti-Discrimination Act 2004 so that the companies could discriminate who they employ. There are many strict conditions imposed on the businesses through their contracts and under our proposal, they will be able to select only those people they want.

“The Country Liberal Party recognises that to create the best businesses conditions it has to bite the bullet and make hard decisions. We will do this.

“We are not afraid to say Territory businesses deserve all the support possible from a government and if that means changing the Anti-Discrimination Act then we will do it. The Country Liberal party is committed to supporting Territory businesses.”