Tri-nation soccer tournament mooted

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A tri-nation soccer competition involving the Northern Territory, Timor Leste (East Timor) and West Timor could move a step closer following the visit of a high-level delegation to Darwin later this week, according to the Shadow Asian Relations and Trade spokesman, Terry Mills.

Mr. Mills said a tourism and business delegation from West Timor will call on the NT Government and one of the topics of discussion will be the tri-nation soccer competition.

“I hope the NT Government has time to meet with senior representatives from West Timor who arrive in Darwin later this week,” Mr. Mills said. “They will be seeking the support of the NT Government to increase friendly sporting competition within our region.”

Mr. Mills said he had written to Football Federation NT to seek their endorsement of the proposal: “It would be wonderful to have the support of the federation and I can see such a tri-nation competition becoming an important event to the three nations.

“I do not believe the NT Government should underestimate the strong link between educational and sporting exchanges and trade.

“Sport and education are effective means to build better working relationships between the regions.”

Mr. Mills said he had written to the Minister for Sport and Recreation Delia Lawrie urging her to meet the representatives and support the tri-nation proposal.

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