Turning growth into jobs for Territorians

Public forums are underway across the Territory to provide locals with the opportunity to have their say on the next NT Employment Strategy.

Minister for Business and Employment, Delia Lawrie, said it was important Territorians helped shape the next era in job growth.

"The Territory’s strong economy is set for rapid growth and it is vital we harness this prosperity as much as possible into employment opportunities for Territorians," Ms Lawrie said.

"The success of current strategies have resulted in the highest workforce and VET training participation rates in the nation, with more than 24 000 Territorians skilled up to help businesses grow and gear up for opportunities.

"As we develop a new employment strategy, now is the chance for employees, employers and trainers to have their say in the new for the next stage in the Territory’s story, to ensure we continue to improve local employment and business outcomes."

Forums have been held in Katherine, Nhulunbuy and Tennant Creek; the Darwin forum will be held on the 20th of February at Sky City, and the Alice Springs forum on the 23rd of February at Crown Plaza.

The discussion starter can be downloaded from www.nt.gov.au/dbe.

"Importantly, the national vocational education and training (VET) reforms which aim to see training meet the needs of industry and individuals will be discussed," Ms Lawrie said.

"In the next few years, numerous major resource projects will create significant demand for skilled and semi-skilled workers and we want to keep our workers building the Territory," Ms Lawrie said.
"With the right planning, we can put Territorians in the best position to grab good jobs, and give Territory Businesses the best chance of securing the labour they need to grow and prosper."

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