The Country Liberals Government has responsibility invested in the future of the Territory’s primary industries and fisheries.

With a focus on the economy, Government has allocated funds to new initiatives and economy building programs.

Minister for Primary Industry and Fisheries, Willem Westra van Holthe, said the Department’s budget showed the Country Liberals Government’s vision for the future of the Northern Territory.

“Jobs, jobs, jobs – we want to diversify and expand our economy,” Mr Westra van Holthe said.

Included in the budget is:

- $300,000 for the Live Export Market Development Unit
- $400,000 for the Ord Irrigation Development Unit
- $2.5 million for Territory Aquatic Resources
- $280,000 for cattle inspection services
- $300,000 for commercial fishing services
- $500,000 for fisheries support in East Arnhem Land
- $680,000 for aquaculture development
- $1.14 million ($280,000 in commonwealth contribution) for mango flowering research
- $300,000 ($100,000 Commonwealth contribution) for researching nitrogen in crops
- $200,000 for a look at the profitability of a watermelon industry
- $1.83 million for Berrimah Farm maintenance
- Funding for the buyback of commercial fishing licences (Finke, Chambers and Fog Bay)
- $550,000 for management of the recreational fishing sector

“This budget is the Government taking responsible action to grow our economy, research potential and develop our existing industries,” Mr Westra van Holthe said.

“I am very proud of our Ord and Live Export Development units. These units will seek out real opportunity, encourage business and will lead to jobs for Territorians.

“We need to work with business to make the Northern Territory an appealing destination to set up shop.
“Our initiatives and expenses are largely investments in our future. We have made responsible decisions now which will benefit all Territorians.”

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