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NEW INDUSTRY HUB FOR NORTHERN AUSTRALIA DEVELOPMENT

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The Giles Government’s Northern Australia Development Office is now open for business providing a new base for peak industry bodies to plan for the Territory of tomorrow.

“I am thrilled to officially open this new hub from which the Territory will drive its push for Northern Australia Development in partnership with our most important industry leaders,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“Northern Australia Development is crucial to securing prosperity for all Territorians into the future through better transport links and the creation of real jobs for our children.

“I want us to lead this national conversation. The Territory is already proving to Canberra and its fellow northern jurisdictions that it is serious about this push with a new public engagement campaign and now this office.”

There will also be substantial funding to support our Northern Australia Development efforts in next week’s Territory Budget.

“The new Northern Australia Development Office will spearhead our campaign in the Territory, interstate and overseas, as well as coordinate the economic development strategies that underpin our efforts.” Mr Giles said.

“The Office will work with the Federal Government and industry groups to maximise the Territory’s opportunities, attract investment and capitalise on our natural assets including our proximity to Asia.”

The concept has been warmly embraced by stakeholders in a range of key industries.

“The Northern Territory Farmers Association sees the initiative as a game changer for our organisation in terms of having exposure to like organisations, but more importantly giving us the ability to make ourselves more readily available for potential investors or other entities who might bring value to our sector. It enhances our belief that Darwin truly is the capital of the North,” Grant Fenton, CEO NT Farmers Association said.

“This office will provide a footprint for us to pursue our long term goals for Northern Australia and Asian engagement. This is an exciting drive to establish Northern Australia as the preferred place from which to export livestock and will help widen our customer base in Asia and beyond,” Ben Hindle, CEO Northern Territory Livestock Exporters Association said.

The facility has permanent office space for up to 10 organisations, meeting rooms and state of the art communication and theatre facilities all in the heart of the Darwin’s CBD.
“We are proud to be associated with the Giles Government’s new Northern Australia Development Office. We are looking forward to working with other positive and passionate business groups, associations, investors, Government and Non-Government organisations and members of the broader community to drive the future development of the Northern Territory,” Tom Harris, CEO Extractive Industry Association of the Northern Territory said.

“The Northern Territory Seafood Council is pleased to support the Government’s efforts to create a hub for industry and to participate in discussions about developing the Northern Territory. This facility provides us with access to a top class meeting venue to discuss and strategically plan for the growth and security of the seafood industry throughout Northern Australia,” Rob Fish, Chairman of the Northern Territory Seafood Council said.

The Northern Australia Development Office is located in Development House on Darwin’s Esplanade.

Anyone interested in finding out more should go to the website: [http://www.northernaustralia.nt.gov.au/](http://www.northernaustralia.nt.gov.au/)

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