The Territory Government is continuing to invest in the Alice Springs economy by leasing two new Supreme Courts in the town’s Justice Precinct.

“The Territory Government recognises that Alice Springs has urgently required new additional court facilities for years and we now have the opportunity to balance this need by stimulating private sector developers to supply these facilities in the town,” Chief Minister Adam Giles said.

“We have decided to move the Supreme Court out of the existing building and allocate it for exclusive use by the Magistrates Court.

“The Supreme Court will then be moved elsewhere in the precinct, doubling in size from one courtroom to two.

“The new state-of-the-art Supreme Court facilities will be accompanied by new chambers and space for support staff and will be welcomed by the legal fraternity.

“Instead of the government building a new Supreme Court facility, we want to facilitate private sector development. We’ve decided to rent the space for the new courts from a developer via a long term lease.

“The promise of a long-term foundation tenant will encourage a private developer to proceed with a significant new building project in the Alice Springs Justice Precinct.”

The Government anticipates the court will share a larger private building with other tenants, facilitating the provision of additional development in Alice Springs.

“The new Supreme Court facilities will go out to tender in March but developers have already signalled an interest in this project,” Justice Minister John Elferink said.

“This is great news for Alice Springs and we’re excited about regenerating this part of town.”

Unlike Labor’s fly-in, fly-out government which ignored Alice Springs for 11 years, the Country Liberals live and breathe Central Australia.

“We are doing everything in our power to see Alice Springs prosper and grow,” Mr Giles said.

“Thanks to a huge investment and effort from the Country Liberals, Alice Springs is once again moving ahead after languishing for 11 years under the former Labor Government.”

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