Chief Minister Clare Martin says news of a gas find at the Caldita field north-west of Darwin is encouraging news for the Territory.

Ms Martin welcomed the announcement that joint-partners of the Caldita field, Conoco Phillips and Santos, had discovered a “significant” column of high-quality gas.

The Caldita field is about 265km north-west of Darwin in Australian waters.

“Should Caldita be developed, it will mean more jobs in the gas industry for the Territory,” Ms Martin said.

“I wish the partners every success in their efforts to prove up the Caldita field.”

Ms Martin said another find of gas in the Timor Sea would open up opportunities for the Territory in:

- Domestic gas
- Gas manufacturing
- Help cement Darwin’s position as Australia’s second export gas hub

“This is encouraging news for the Territory because every possible opportunity to secure future gas supplies needs to be pursued.”

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