14 July 2005

1600 MORE JOBS FORECAST FOR TERRITORY

On the back of forecasts that the Territory is enjoying the highest economic growth in the country, Drake International has today predicted that more than 1600 extra jobs will be created here over the next three months (July – September 2005).

Chief Minister, Clare Martin, said the 2% increase – the equal highest in the country – was predominantly in full time employment, which was great news for Territorians.

“Drake predicts that of the extra jobs, 1293 (75%) will be full-time with the majority created in the manufacturing, transport and distribution, hospitality and tourism, and construction and engineering sectors,” she said.

“Drake’s forecasts are in line with recent ANZ Job Advertisement data showing a 19.5% increase in Territory jobs ads in the year to June – the highest in the country.

“My Government is committed to keeping the Territory moving ahead by driving economic growth and creating jobs for Territorians.

“As well as investing strongly in tourism, Government has delivered record infrastructure spending to help drive growth in construction as well as homebuyer concessions to stimulate the housing sector.

“In addition, a number of exciting projects - including the Darwin Waterfront Project, the Alcan Expansion and the Desert Knowledge Precinct - will ramp up this year.

“We are also continuing our strong focus on tackling skills shortages and attracting more people to the Territory.

“Government will continue to work hard to ensure the sort of economic growth the Territory is currently enjoying will be sustained, so we don’t experience the ‘boom and bust’ trends of past years.”

Contact: Craig Rowston 0401 119 777