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CLP/Nationals and Liberals Remain Strong Coalition Partners

The CLP has reaffirmed its proud links with the Federal Coalition. Party President Rick Setter recently returned from Canberra after meeting with both the National Party and Liberal Party’s senior executive members as well as attending the National Party Conference.

“The CLP still commands great respect among our Coalition Partners.” CLP President Rick Setter said today.

“That doesn’t change the fact that we’re a fiercely independent and a Territory centric party, but it does acknowledge that we share a common philosophy with these other two great national organisations.

“The CLP has a strong presence in the party rooms of the National and Liberal parties and I am proud that Dave Tollner and Nigel Scullion have made the substantial impact that they have.

“Both men aggressively pursue what is good for the Territory and I look forward to their continued presence in Canberra taking their prominent place in the Howard Government after the next election in 2007.

“I will be looking forward to their efforts on behalf of Territorians as it isn’t just the Southern states that are feeling the pinch of the national drought.

“The Howard assistance package to Australia’s farmers is generous and the presence of the CLP in the coalition will make certain that the Territory will get its slice of the pie where it is needed.

“As CLP President I look forward to a long and healthy partnership among Australia’s great political parties.”

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