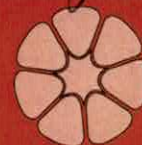




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MICHAEL GUNNER OUTLINES FIRST TERM AGENDA

Labor Leader Michael Gunner has today outlined his agenda of a first term Labor Government. In a wide ranging speech to more than 100 business and community leaders Michael Gunner said that Labor will focus on:

- Growing the economy by growing jobs in the Territory.
- Focussing effort on children, especially 0-4 year olds.
- Restoring trust in Government.

Mr Gunner also launched Labor's economic framework, the *Northern Territory Jobs Plan*.

Approximately 6,500 jobs will be directly supported each year and a similar amount again in indirect jobs. In total these plans support around 12,000 to 14,000 jobs a year just from Government infrastructure investment alone.

In addition to the 12,000 to 14,000 jobs, these initiatives are designed to leverage private sector investment which will see further jobs created throughout the implementation of our plan.

"Labor has a clear plan for the future of the Territory," Mr Gunner said.

"This plan has been drafted in consultation with many people. It is considered, fiscally responsible and focuses on long term outcomes.

"It is a plan based on growing the Territory, supporting our children so we can tackle the underlying issues affecting our social and economic development and restoring the trust of Territorians in the actions of government- a trust the CLP has smashed in its 3 and a half years in office.

"Today we have set the directions for our first term. We are providing detailed plans. Labor is providing more information than any Opposition has ever done. And we are providing it early so Territorians can see what Labor plans to do in a transparent and open way.

"Engagement with Territorians is a crucial element of our strategy. We will hold an Economic Summit shortly after the election to ensure that key leaders engaged in the Territory economy have their input and say and we are all united on the way forward. Economic policy is too important to be done by thought bubble and policy on the run.

"We will work with the non-government sector, indigenous health organisations and experts from across the nation to set into place an Early Childhood Plan that Labor will properly resource over the next ten years.

"We will act swiftly on restoring trust by creating the architecture of open government and by changing the way government behaves and acts. There will be no midnight coups, no 21 reshuffles, no constant infighting and bickering in the Labor Government I lead."

Michael Gunner said that the CLP's behaviour, approach to government and treatment of Territorians meant that the biggest risk to the Territory is four more years of CLP Government.

"An election gives Territorians the opportunity to reset and refocus its government. I am urging Territorians to support Labor's plans for the future."

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