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Country Liberal Government will fast-track Middle Arm Industrial Complex

A Country Liberal Government will deliver a revitalised Territory manufacturing industry by fast-tracking the establishment of a Middle Arm Industrial Complex and providing incentives for manufacturing businesses to locate there, Opposition Leader Lia Finocchiaro said today.

“The Middle Arm Peninsula is ideally placed to maximise synergies being close to the Darwin Port and accessible by road and rail. It’s already home to large industrial developments like the Darwin LNG Plant and the INPEX Ichthys LNG Processing Facility,” Mrs Finocchiaro said.

A Country Liberal Government will:

- Fast-track the development of the Middle Arm Industrial Complex through the Office of the Territory Coordinator, in order to facilitate industrial synergies and promote eco-efficiency in the area, including preparing for approval processes in advance.
- Provide incentives for manufacturing companies locating in the Middle Arm Industrial Complex, including facilitating low-cost land use agreements, stamp duty and payroll tax relief and subsidising head works on occupied land.
- Assist industry in utilising long-term natural gas, water and local employment agreements to maximise the benefits to the Territory economy.
- Promote efficient use, re-use and exchange of energy, water and material consumption through the co-location of manufacturing industry to achieve synergies and economies of scale.
- In conjunction with the Commonwealth, help industry to utilise existing tax offsets and grants for Research and Development Tax Incentives, investment allowances for small and medium businesses and Early Stage Innovation Company incentives to promote the new Middle Arm Industrial Complex.
- Undertake negotiations with the Commonwealth Government on additional tax concessions and incentives to manufacturers in the Middle Arm Industrial Complex.

“The Territory has the key inputs required to drive a Top-End manufacturing industry including natural gas, water, minerals, agricultural inputs and locally sourced skilled employment. The Country Liberal Party is working to ensure these inputs are driven by the right policy settings to maximise their value, creating jobs and economic benefits for the Territory.

“Middle Arm can be the hub for the manufacturing activities using these inputs. There are exciting opportunities for high tech industrial manufacturing using rare earths and lithium,

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not to mention other minerals, while abundant gas can support a whole range of new manufacturing projects.

“In the agriculture space, textile and fibre manufacturing can be sourced from local products like cotton, sawn timber and acacia woodchips.

“Under a Country Liberal Government we want the Middle Arm precinct to be the new happening place for jobs and opportunity for the Northern Territory and it will be with our plan,” Mrs Finocchiaro concluded.

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