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Election 2016- What are the major parties doing for the Northern Territory's recreational fishers?

Listed initiatives are from the AFANT Election Commitments for Recreational Fishing

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Initiatives	Country Liberal Party	NT Labour	NT Greens	1 Territory
Stocking residential lakes with Barramundi fingerlings	CLP will continue the successful program of stocking residential lakes with Barramundi fingerlings	Labor will stock the residential lakes around Darwin and Palmerston with Barramundi fingerlings. Such a program will improve the lifestyle and recreational opportunities of residents as well as providing a safe and easily accessible opportunity for children and families to go fishing.	No Commitment	Support in Principle
Government funding for fishing clubs to run children's fishing clinics	CLP will fund fishing clubs to deliver Fishing Education Clinics through Sports Vouchers and Sport and Recreation grants.	Labor will establish a grants program available for fishing clubs to promote recreational fishing in their areas, and encourage families, especially children,	The NT Greens see AFANT's proposal for government funding to run children's fishing	Support in Principle

		to participate in this wonderful recreation.	clinics as not only an important educational opportunity, teaching newcomers to the sport to how to fish responsibly: this proposal also offers additional value in providing more recreation options for young people and families.	
Increased land based fishing platforms in residential areas for disabled anglers and children	CLP will establish land-based fishing platforms in residential areas for disabled anglers and children. This includes investigating the need for a new jetty at Nightcliff.	Fishing in the urban areas of Darwin, Palmerston and surrounding areas is popular but often people do not own boats and are hampered in their enjoyment of this recreation. Labor will deliver a program of land based fishing platforms to be installed at appropriate locations. These platforms will be in easily accessible locations, wheelchair accessible and with adequate lighting and crocodile protection barriers in place.	Fully Supported. The Greens already see the value in public funding of some other sports in the NT: and that's great. But young Territorians need more options, and fishing is an obvious candidate	1Territory supports the installation of moveable jetties as recreational fishing platforms.

<p>The removal of the seasonal Barramundi fishing closure of the lower Daly River</p>	<p>CLP will work through the resource sharing framework to remove the seasonal Barramundi fishing closure of the lower Daly River.</p>	<p>No Commitment</p>	<p>No Commitment</p>	<p>Support in Principle</p>
<p>The installation of CCTV cameras and toilets at the Dinah Beach boat ramp</p>	<p>The CLP agrees to install CCTV cameras and toilets at the Dinah Beach boat ramp</p>	<p>In Government Labor extended and grew the Dinah Beach Boat Ramp. It is now one of the most popular and easy to launch boat ramps in the Top End. To support usage of this ramp more facilities need to be in place, especially toilets and wash down facilities. Most importantly Labor will address the problems of crime at this boat ramp which has been ignored by the CLP. Labor will install CCTV cameras and will install appropriate other safety facilities to protect fishers and their investment.</p>	<p>No Commitment</p>	<p>Support in Principle</p>
<p>Environmental Protection of Water Resources</p>	<p>The Country Liberals Party will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue to allocate water resources sustainably by using sound scientific principles • consider the feasibility of piping water from sewage ponds to the 	<p>Labor will</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be guided by science when approving water allocations, including a return to the 80/20 rule for environmental/extractive allocations; 	<p>The Greens have long advocated that all water users should be subject to the same transparent processes.</p>	<p>1Territory support the protection of crucial water resources that support</p>

	<p>Alice Springs golf course to reduce the use of bore water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • investigate options for providing town water to Southport • assist with replacing existing Spaghetti Lines/Banjo Water Lines and move meters closer to properties • complete the final two years of the four year, \$9.6 million land and water assessment program to determine new agricultural precincts • continue to support the Ord Stage 3 to help diversify the Northern Territory economy, create jobs for local people, boost the regions, provide economic opportunities for Indigenous people and leverage off investment in Ord 1 and 2 • develop water solutions for all rural residents at risk of bore failure • ensure a sustainable water supply for residents of Darwin’s rural areas through regular ground and surface water modelling, water sampling and analysis • develop plans for a mechanism that requires the full utilisation of commercial water allocations under the ‘use it or lose it’ principle and to stop water banking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in more research, information and water modelling; • Return to the consultative approach to water planning – water advisory committees, open water planning process, listening to stakeholders; • Ensuring water requirements for mining are formally incorporated in the consumptive pool for water allocation plans rather than the current approach which sees these uses sit outside of the system with risks of over allocation; • Ensure that mining and petroleum operations will be subject to the Water Act, this means they are dealt with like all other uses and must apply for a water licence; • Install a “water for purpose” principle within the allocation and licensing 	<p>Where no Water Control District exists, we commit to urgent incorporation. Where Boards and Plans are in place, no user should be exempt from transparent allocation and licensing that takes a precautionary approach to the preservation of environmental and cultural flows and processes. The Greens stand for a total permanent ban on fracking.</p>	<p>our aquatic environments</p>
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Upgrade of the Middle Arm boat ramp car park	CLP will upgrade Middle Arm boat ramp car park from the Capital Works Program.	Middle Arm boat ramp is popular but needs to be upgraded to cope with the demands on it. Labor will increase the parking spaces and upgrade the amenities at the Middle Arm boat ramp.	No Commitment	Support in Principle
A long term program of artificial reefs and FAD's	CLP will develop a long-term artificial reefs and Fish Attraction Devices program	Putting into place artificial reefs and Fish Attraction Devices to enhance and improve fishing stocks, particularly in the Darwin area. Labor will ensure that these programs are based on appropriate evidence and scientific advice.	No Commitment	1 Territory supports the funding of artificial reefs for free divers and recreational fishermen.
Funding for the installation of a marine radio repeater system for recreational boating safety and communication	CLP will evaluate the Government-funded study for the installation of a VHF marine radio repeater system for recreational boating safety and communications. In addition, the CLP will host a forum of marine and fishing stakeholders to develop a plan to better coordinate marine rescue, boat safety awareness and education programs and other issues of common interest	The Northern Territory does not have an emergency system of communication for maritime recreational boat traffic. Labor will undertake a cost benefit analysis on the installation of a marine radio repeater system in the most trafficked areas of the Territory coast.	No Commitment	Support in Principle
A buy-out of commercial crab fishing licences in Bynoe Harbour and Saltwater Arm	Support in Principle The Country Liberals Government will invest \$500,000 a year for three years for an Inshore Fisheries Taskforce to develop	No Commitment	No Commitment	Support in Principle

	harvest strategies and allocations among the various fishing sectors, restructure inshore fisheries including crabbing and consider inshore commercial licence buybacks			
Upgrade the Channel Island boat ramp	CLP will upgrade the Channel Island boat ramp from the Capital Works Program	The Channel Island boat ramp needs upgrading. Labor will improve this facility by lengthening and broadening the ramp and increasing car parking spaces.	No Commitment	Support in Principle
Funding for AFANT	CLP will provide AFANT with a \$215,000 per annum four-year funding agreement	Labor will continue financial support for the Amateur Fisherman's Association.	NT Greens recognise the essential role of AFANT in representing the interests of the Territory's large recreational fishing constituency, including in participating in public policy development, planning and assessment processes. This is an essential social role that	1 Territory will provide additional funding to independent environment organisations such as AFANT

			government would struggle to perform, and AFANT should be funded appropriately.	
Resolution to Blue Mud Bay Intertidal Access Agreements	CLP will work to resolve and finalise Blue Mud Bay Intertidal Access Agreements	Labor will build on the framework we established in government to continue long term access for recreational fishing to areas affected by the Blue Mud Bay decision. The CLP has yet to conclude that work and we will focus on working in partnership with relevant Land Councils to refresh interim access agreements as they come under review.	No Commitment	Support in Principle
Public access on the Western Desert ore road to the Limmen Bight and mouth of the Roper River	CLP will work with stakeholders to provide public access on the Western Desert ore road to the Limmen Bight and mouth of the Roper River	Commitment in Principle. Labor is concerned that the popularity of recreational fishing is now placing increasing pressure on the resource. Government must act to ease this pressure by improving access to other fishing areas. Labor will work with the Amateur Fisherman's Association to create a	No Commitment	Support in Principle

		recreational fishing access plan and, more importantly, an implementation schedule.		
The upgrade of Point Stuart road	CLP will continue upgrades to Point Stuart Road	Recreational fishers will be engaged in addressing this project against Labor's \$50 million investment in infrastructure expenditure if Labor is elected to government.	No Commitment	Support in Principle
The upgrade of Gunn Point road	CLP will provide \$15m over two years to upgrade the Gunn Point Road	Recreational fishers will be engaged in addressing this project against Labor's \$50 million investment in infrastructure expenditure if Labor is elected to government.	The Greens are determined that the rich natural values of the Gunn Peninsula should be enjoyed by generations to come. Improved access is an important investment to ensure that more Territorians can safely enjoy this treasure.	Support in Principle