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## NORTHERN TERRITORY ELECTIONS

Although final results in the Northern Territory elections may not be known for a fortnight, and although counting has not started in two seats and has only just begun in two others, it is already clear that there has been very strong support for the Country Liberal Party.

I congratulate the Leader of the Country Liberal Party, Dr. Goff Letts. The Country Liberal Party will be returned with a strong working majority which will enable both the Federal Government and the CLP to continue with their programmes of development for the Northern Territory and progress towards self-government.