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Just another cruel hoax

Shadow Minister for Health Kon Vatskalis today said that the CLP could not be trusted on health.

“All the local CLP have done in Government is slash funding - very similar to what Tony Abbott did when he was Health Minister,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“That was when they promised on oncology facility in Darwin but never built it. Territorians had to wait for Kevin Rudd to be elected.

“At the last Territory election the CLP promised a new hospital for Katherine. Once again, nothing happened.”

“It appears history is repeating itself with the coalition now pretending to promise a chemotherapy chair in Katherine.

“It is the same with the Palmerston Hospital which Tony Abbott refused to build last time and has refused to put in his costings this time. All we have is a vague commitment from Natasha Griggs without any details.

“If it’s not in their costings, it’s not worth the paper it’s written on, and is nothing more than another cruel hoax.

In under a year the local CLP Government have:

• Scrapped the Children’s Wing at Royal Darwin Hospital
• Scrapped the Palmerston Hospital plans
• Scrapped the Medi-Hotel putting more pressure on Royal Darwin Hospital
• Scrapped renal facilities in Katherine, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs
• Scrapped the GP Superclinic in the Northern Suburbs.
• Scrapped patients accommodation in Katherine and Gove
• Jam packed our Emergency Department’s with drunks

“History shows us that Tony Abbott’s health cuts will be even more severe. He simply can’t be trusted.”

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