VOTE AGAINST CLP EDUCATION CUTS

Leader of the Opposition, Delia Lawrie, and Labor Candidate for Blain, Geoff Bahnert, today signed a contract between Labor and the NT Council of Government School Organisations (COGSO) to reverse Adam Giles’ education cuts.

“Labor values public education in the Territory,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Labor built Rosebery Primary School and Rosebery Middle School, upgraded all primary, middle and secondary schools and employed 400 more teachers.

“We announced plans to build a Palmerston special school, which has been delayed by the CLP.”

Ms Lawrie said that Labor valued education and had steadfastly opposed the CLP’s damaging cuts to our school resources.

“We want to make sure young Territorians get the best start in life and want to see that education resources are available to ensure this,” Ms Lawrie said.

“That is why today we are signing a pledge to reverse the CLP’s education cuts if returned to Government.”

Ms Lawrie said students and families are suffering at the hands of the uncaring CLP Government.

“Adam Giles has the CLP Government have damaged the Territory’s education system with their drastic cuts to teaching and support positions,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The extent of this damage is unclear as the Minister for Education, Peter Chandler, has repeatedly refused to produce a school-by-school breakdown of what teaching resources have been slashed.

“We believe that schools in the Territory have lost around 130 teachers, with more cuts to come, because the CLP are slashing a further 10 percent from this crucial budget.”

Labor Candidate for Blain, Geoff Bahnert, said that Moulden, Woodroffe, Rosebery and Bellamack residents have been without 22 teachers.

“Parents that I have spoken to say they are frustrated that the CLP Government doesn’t care about their children’s education,” Mr Bahnert said.
“The CLP Government has brutally cut too deep into the education system and students are the ones that suffer.”

Ms Lawrie said that the residents of Blain have the opportunity at the by-election on Saturday to show the CLP Government that they reject the cuts to the education system by voting for Geoff Bahnert.

“A vote for Geoff Bahnert is a vote against education cuts.”

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