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HEALTH CUTS LEAVE TERRITORIANS VULNERABLE

Shadow Minister for Health, Nicole Manison, today condemned the CLP for cutting the health budget and making it harder for Territorians to access health services.

Ms Manison said the $25 million cut from the estimated 13/14 health spend was a further-blow to Territory families about to be slugged by Tony Abbott’s GP tax.

“The Territory has some of the worse health outcomes in Australia and this is an area the CLP Government should not cut,” Ms Manison said.

“It’s a disgrace that remote primary health care has been slashed by $23 million in the top end and by $8 million in Central Australia.

“There is nothing in this budget to deal with increasing bed block at Royal Darwin Hospital.

“Palmerston residents will continue to suffer under the CLPs plans to delay the Palmerston Hospital with $5 million committed in budget 2014 which only covers land servicing issues.

“Treasurer Tollner and Chief Minister, Adam Giles, must now come clean about how much the $80 billion federal budget cuts to health and education will impact Territorians.

“One thing is sure – Territorians now have to deal will Dave Tollner and Joe Hockey reaching further into their pocket while simultaneously cutting health services.”

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