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A Sad Day for the NT and Aboriginal People: Alison Anderson

The Palmer United Party Northern Territory Leader and Member for Namatjira, Alison Anderson, said the decision of fellow MLA, Francis Kurrupuwu, to leave the Palmer United Party and return to the Country Liberals is a dark day for the Territory and Aboriginal people.

“This is a sad day - for the Northern Territory, for its Aboriginal people, for the members of our new political group, and for me personally,” Ms Anderson said.

“It is a day that marks a win for manipulation, for lies, for pressure, for dark political techniques.

“NT Chief Minister Adam Giles may shake hands with Francis but for him Francis is just a number, a little weapon in his fight to destroy his rivals.

“Adam Giles is a weak, insignificant boy in the history of Aboriginal Australia - but he is doing the cause of Aboriginal unity real harm by dividing our political bloc.

“I don’t want to say too much about the tactics and the immediate picture today. But I do want to say that this defection marks a victory for lies, a victory for raw evil and deceit.

“The Giles Government is wrecking the NT, and it is determined to weaken the Aboriginal community. And the weak Aborigines are the ones who sit in its ranks.”

Former Country Liberal Party MLAs Ms Anderson, Mr Kurrupuwu and Larisa Lee decided to join forces with the Palmer United Party in April this year.

“The Palmer United Party is the new force in Australian politics and as party members we will be working towards common sense decisions that will benefit all Territorians,” Ms Anderson said.

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