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CLP FOLLOWING LNP PRIVATISATION PLANS

Leader of the Opposition, Delia Lawrie, today said Adam Giles is arrogantly pushing ahead with plans to privatise the Darwin Port, showing he has learnt nothing from the LNP drubbing in Queensland on the weekend.

“Adam Giles, Campbell Newman and Tony Abbot are like peas in a pod. Ignoring the wishes of the people and undertaking no consultation about matters people really care about,” Ms Lawrie said.

“I call on Adam Giles to immediately halt his plans to privatise the port. He should withdraw the Darwin Ports bills from Parliament.

“He needs to front the Senate Privatisation Inquiry in Darwin on 16 February to justify why he’s sold our busses, our government printer and TIO and explain what other public assets he wants to privatise.

“This is an opportunity for him to start consulting with Territorians. He had no mandate to sell public assets and he has failed to explain the impact on Territorians.

“If he was fair dinkum about acting in the interests of Territorians, he would seek their mandate at the next election.

“It’s not too late for Territorians to have their opinions heard by the Senate Inquiry. Territorians can contact the Senate Economics Committee and put your name forward to be heard.

Ms Lawrie urged Territorians to contact the Committee secretariat on 02 6277 3540 or email: economics.sen@aph.gov.au if they want to make an oral or written submission.

“I will be presenting Territory Labor’s commitment to not sell our public assets to the Inquiry and will use it as an opportunity to promise to Territorians that we won’t be a government of surprises and broken promises after the next election,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Queenslanders did not tolerate the LNP’s arrogance and broken promises and Adam Giles is foolish if he steadfastly fails to grasp that Territorians don’t want their public assets sold.”

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