A plan to break promises, sack public servants and sell assets

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Terry Mills' new “Renewal Management Board” is nothing more than giving a few CLP good old boys the task of help him break his promises, sack public servants and sell off Territory public assets.

Leader of the Opposition Delia Lawrie said Neil Conn and Ken Clarke are on his Board and were both under Treasurers with the CLP before financial transparency laws were introduced, are on his handpicked Board.

Documents show when Ken Clarke was Under Treasurer he artificially amended budget papers under political pressure from the CLP.

“It was in response to this that the Labor Government introduced the Fiscal Integrity and Transparency Act to make cooking the books illegal.

“The legislation ensured that the reporting of public finances could no longer be subject to political manipulation.

“The fact is that the state of the Northern Territory public finances is exactly as reported in the Pre-Election Financial Outlook.

“Terry Mills knows this but is establishing his review simply to try and justify continuing to break his election promises.

“The fact that Terry Mills has already tried to claim that he thinks there might be more debt is proof that his old mates have already been told what their review will find. It is a predetermined farce.

“His handpicked team will work to give him an excuse to break his promises, sack public servants and sell off public assets.

“So far Terry Mills has refused to rule out selling TIO, Power and Water and the Port.

“His agenda is clear. This will put jobs at risk and compromise vital services to Territorians,” Ms Lawrie said.