CLP backflips to join Labor’s call for Adam Giles to publicly explain the failed Palmerston Hospital Stunt

The CLP’s Federal Member for Solomon, Natasha Griggs, has backflipped and joined Territory Labor’s call for Chief Minister and Minister for Major Projects, Adam Giles, to ‘please explain’ the failed stunt involving the Palmerston Hospital.

“Territorians deserve more from a Chief Minister that is always available to publicise a barramundi or tennis tournament but shirks his duty to address high-level critical health issues,” said Natasha Fyles.

“Territorians are tired of the stunts and spin; they just want the CLP to stop the infighting and buck-passing and build the Palmerston Hospital.

“The situation is now so dire that the CLP’s Member for Solomon, Natasha Griggs has now backflipped on her position on the stunt: from taking ownership and glowing praise to buck-passing and criticism.

On October 16, the CLP’s Natasha Griggs posted a video to her Facebook saying: “This is another example of how the Territory Government and Federal Government are working together to deliver for Territorians.”

On October 25, on the Hospital, the CLP’s Natasha Griggs told Channel Nine News: “I have asked Adam Giles for a ‘please explain’ because it’s not good enough.”

“As the saying goes, a week is a long time in politics, and the adage has been well proven today given that last week Natasha Griggs was happy to claim credit for the achievement, a stark contrast to today’s buck-passing and change of heart,” said Natasha Fyles.

“Territory Labor has previously called for Adam Giles to explain the Palmerston Hospital hole stunt.

“The fallout from the stunt isn’t limited to national embarrassment – future funding for Palmerston Hospital is now in question with the CLP’s credibly to deliver the hospital in tatters.

“The CLP clearly can’t be trusted to deliver the Palmerston Hospital, and Adam Giles has a number of questions to answer around the Major Project:

- Did the NT Government order the hole to be dug for the stunt?
- Why did Adam Giles not attend the hole pour given he is responsible for Major Projects?
- Will Adam Giles respond to requests from both sides of politics to publicly explain himself?
- Is the future funding of the Palmerston Hospital from the Federal Government in any future doubt as a result of this embarrassment?
- Given the hole stunt has cost taxpayers an estimated $20,000, what is the revised estimate of costs to complete the project after the failed stunt?
- What is the revised timeline for the Palmerston Hospital to be completed?

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