Let the people have say on CLP’s future

THERE is a growing argument the Northern Territory’s moral authority to govern is questionable.

The resignation of Robyn Lambley from the CLP to sit with the Australian Labor Party with a slim majority in the Legislative Assembly, but by and large it has presided over a robust economy, the perceived culture of a boys’ club and ideological opposition from those who are opposed to mining and development.

The only way for Adam Giles to establish his legitimacy as Chief Minister and the legitimacy of his government is to win an election.

An election now would take place under current boundaries, which would ensure stronger representation for Central Australia for longer than will otherwise be the case.

Although the government has the numbers in parliament, the CLP should consider losing a confidence vote to enable an election.

Cost of groceries needs discussion

THANKYOU for highlighting in the article, “Territory costly for groceries” and vox pop (Centralian Advocate, June 9), the issue of the cost of groceries in the Alice Springs and the NT as a whole.

If Alice Springs residents consider the prices of food in the town as high, then spare a thought for people who live on remote communities.

The Northern Territory Government’s annual market basket survey has highlighted that people who shop at remote stores are paying around 55 per cent more for exactly the same food items, compared with people who shop at large district supermarkets in Alice Springs or Darwin.

The Menzies School of Health Research recently published a paper showing a price difference of around 60 per cent comparing remote areas with Darwin, with the lack of availability of a variety of foods also a concern.

NTCOSS has been calling for a food summit as a means to getting all of the relevant stakeholders in the room to find solutions to this issue.

Wendy Morten Executive director, TNC OSS

Feds had nothing to do with abuse

I AM quite disgusted to have Federal Football Club so misrepresented in the Centralian Advocate (June 13).

I am extremely proud to be a life member of Federal Football Club and I was at the game on Saturday, sitting on the balcony at Mora’s Lounge.

It is about time that the facts were put straight.

There was never, at any time on Saturday, any “heavy abuse” directed at Gordon Mallard as was reported in the paper.

We at Feds do not tolerate that sort of behaviour from our supporters or our players.

With all due respect to AFL CEO Tony Frawley, he needs to come to the games before making any judgments.

Feds supporters always stay to the end of the game and cheer Feds off the ground whether we win or lose.

We also give the opposing team a clap as they come off as well.

The Feds/Pioneer game on Saturday was no different.

Feds/Pioneer game

I agree though with Mr Frawley’s comment that there are individuals in Alice Springs who are damaging the brand of AFL in Central Australia.

I can assure you that we at Feds are not the problem.

Margie Rolfe

Alice Springs

Time to change for sake of future

THIS week both the Pope and the Dalai Lama spoke of the needs of the poor and protecting the environment.

We are a part of a whole. We are neither separate to nor from the Earth or each other.

If we continue to extract fossil fuels and pump out too much pollution the future could be very different.

Already we are seeing communities across the world affected by extreme weather, environmental degradation, and changes in climate.

Many people, particularly those in power are in denial that we must alter our ways if we are to have a safe and thriving future.

The plunder and take mentality benefits only a few, as increasing inequality impacts more and more.

It is incomprehensible that we can pump carbon emissions from factories, transport, electricity generation and farming into the atmosphere for 250 years without any impact.

The message from the Dalai Lama of compassion encourages us to believe that we can change but it requires a big commitment to the principles of equality, justice, responsibility and the capacity to act.

It is for elected politicians to represent the views of all people.

We are in dangerous times, but not nearly as dangerous as the world that is being created.

Jimmy Cocking

Director, Aridlands Environment Centre

Should traditional owners of Uluru outlaw climbing the Rock?

No, they shouldn’t outlaw it. Everyone should be responsible for their own actions.

ALDO BONANNI

Yes, 100 per cent. It’s a matter of safety and respect.

BROMWEN DAY

No, it’s a popular tourist attraction and brings something to the local tourism industry.

ROSS ALDERSON

Yes, don’t allow people to climb the Rock; it is sacred ground.

RAYLEEN BURNS

ALICE 19

BY NUMBERS

THE anniversary of the annual Alice Springs Beanie Festival, which starts tonight.

2nd

THE place Alice Springs man Leon Stewart finished in the NT Powerade City to Surf.

28,450

ELECTORS enrolled across the NT in April, a redistribution committee says.