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Pool fencing debacle continues

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The Martin Labor Government's handling of its new pool fencing laws continues to be a
debacle Acting CLP Leader Dr Richard Lim said today.

Dr Lim said the Government has added to the farce of its knee jerk reaction to pool fencing
by allowing only two weeks for the public to put in submissions to its review of the
controversial laws.

"The two week review is taking place while thousands of Territorians affected by the
Government's pool laws are out of the Territory on holiday which really makes you question
the competence of this Government in the way it is going about these things," Dr Lim said.

"Is this short two week period of consultation ineptitude or a deliberate attempt to cut the
public out of its review. "The Government's handling of its pool fencing laws have been a
mess and created a sea of confusion and anger since their introduction.

"Territorians currently caught up in the complex tangle of meeting the requirements of the
Chief Minister's pool laws still haven't been told what they should do now that the laws are
going to be reviewed.

"The pool laws have already caused serious disruption and financial debt to thousands of
Territorians and the review is going to create more anger with the public being cut out of the
process by the short period for submissions.

"The Chief Minister's laws were too draconian in the first place, lacking in commonsense
and ill-thought out.

"Now we have further farce with the way the Government calling for public submissions
while Territorians are away on holidays."

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