CLP Leader Terry Mills today offered his congratulations to Cathy Van Boxtel and family after being informed that her seriously ill son would be accepted as a patient at RDH after questions were raised over his eligibility.

"For the past 3 months Cathy and her family have been dealing with the horrific consequence of a car accident which left 30 year old Paul Mackintosh in a coma with severe brain damage. The family's trauma was further compounded last month when RDH refused Paul's transfer from Brisbane to Darwin because Paul had been away from the Territory and his family travelling for 2 years," Mr Mills said.

"Now thanks to media coverage and lobbying by the CLP the hospital has decided to reverse that decision.

"It is a terrible shame that this long term Territory family have been put through an agonising waiting game because of bureaucratic bungling but it is even more of a shame that it took media coverage and many letters and phone calls from the CLP to achieve this result.

"Today's decision is a victory for common sense and a great result for Cathy and her family who can now focus their attention on the long hard road ahead for Paul."

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