CLP Leader Terry Mills has reiterated the need for an independent audit of all Northern Territory Government assets for the presence of Asbestos and said that under a CLP Government, an independent Environment Commissioner would conduct such an audit.

"Last week I announced the CLP's plan for an Environment Protection Commission. Under a future CLP Government that Commission would act as an independent body advising the Government on environmental and development matters," Mr Mills said.

"Here we have a clear example of how that Commissioner would act in the best interest of the public and the government by conducting an independent audit.

"The fact that there is any number of Government buildings throughout the Northern Territory with Asbestos which could be dangerous to the public is further proof that an independent commissioner would have the capacity to deal with matters like this in a way that is currently not being considered.

"The recent scare at Leanyer Primary school highlights the need for a comprehensive audit throughout the Northern Territory. My understanding is that the company who built that primary school also used the same design when it built Karama and Humpty Doo Primary Schools and Sadadeen Primary School in Alice Springs. An audit by an independent Environment Commissioner would be able to ascertain if those schools are safe from Asbestos and if not what the best course of action would be.

"The responsibility to deal with Asbestos problems falls squarely at the feet of the Government and an independent audit is the first step in dealing with it."

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