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ARROGANT GOVERNMENT IS ON ITS KNEES

The decision by former Deputy Chief Minister Marion Scrymgour to quit the Labor Party and sit on the cross-benches is the culmination of almost a year of rank arrogance by the Chief Minister.

Opposition Leader Terry Mills said Paul Henderson declared his hand in July last year when he called a general election 11 months before it was due.

“From that moment on, it was clear Paul Henderson was not governing for all Territorians – he was only in it for himself,” Mr Mills said.

“The countless issues affecting the Territory were put on the back-burner by this arrogant, callous Chief Minister, whose first priority was himself and his desperation to cling to power at all costs.”

Mr Mills said Paul Henderson promised to listen to Territorians after he scraped over the line on August 9th. In fact he’s taken the opposite approach.

“He doesn’t consult – he dictates, and Marion Scrymgour for one has obviously had enough,” Mr Mills said.

“He promised to take his homelands policy to the people it affected before it was implemented – instead he just announced it without a skerrick of consultation.

Marion Scrymgour’s deep concerns about the Government’s credibility are shared by all Territorians.
“It’s the second time in three days Marion Scrymgour has accused the Henderson Government of being untrustworthy,” Mr Mills said.

“Instead of dealing with the issues that really concern Territorians – like law and order, the rising cost of living, health and education – Paul Henderson and his Government have been concentrating on saving their own skins.

“Territorians deserve better than this – although I doubt Labor and the Chief Minister can deliver.

“Paul Henderson’s promise to deliver certainty of Government to Territorians was a hollow joke.”

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