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RELEASE BATH REPORT  

The Territory Opposition believes that the long suppressed Bath Report should be released for public scrutiny.  

The disturbing case of an orphaned infant who suffered serious injuries after being placed with an uncle again highlights issues that were meant to have been dealt with as a result of the Bath Report.  

The Bath Report was prompted by the death of a 12-year old girl in foster care in Palmerston in July of 2007. The Territory Government only released the Report’s executive summary and recommendations.  

One of the recommendations from the Bath Report was: **Ensure all carers who are related to a child have the same training and support and meet the same stringent requirements as carers who are not related to a child.**  

“Yet revelations show there were serious concerns about releasing the infant to the uncle,” says Jodeen Carney, Shadow Minister for Children and Families.  

“We have seen the Minister repeatedly refuse to answer the most basic questions concerning what knowledge her Department had and what actions her Department undertook relating to this matter.”  

“This raises suspicion of another cover-up by another Labor Minister on child abuse.”  

“The former Chief Minister Clare Martin only commissioned the Little Children are Sacred Report after being caught feigning ignorance and horror about child abuse at Mutitjulu.”  

“The Australian newspaper later revealed Ms Martin knew about young girls being prostituted for petrol 18 months earlier.”
“The refusal to release the Bath Report is just another example of Labor attempting to suppress the facts regarding the state of child protection in the Territory.

“The Territory community has the right to know that children at risk are being adequately protected.

“That’s not the case when a 68% increase in suspected child abuse notifications across the Northern Territory results in fewer cases being substantiated.”

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