Important Reminder: Labor Committed to Affordable Health Care, CLP Is Not

Health Minister Kon Vatskalis has slammed the CLP’s Terry “superclinic sceptic” Mills for continually knocking the new GP service, saying that while the Labor Government is committed to affordable, accessible health care the CLP is not.

“Let’s remember it is Terry Mills who supported Tony Abbott’s plan to shut down Superclinics and opposed the construction of a similar service in the Northern Suburbs,’ Mr Vatskalis said.

“The Opposition is desperately clutching at straws by continuing to bring down the Palmerston Superclinic, which has proved extremely popular and taken pressure away from the Emergency Department at Royal Darwin Hospital.”

Mr Vatskalis said it was Labor Government’s strong commitment to affordable healthcare for all Territorians that had helped secure this facility, as well as the one to be built in the Northern Suburbs. This won’t be constructed if Superclinic sceptics Terry Mills and Tony Abbott had their way.

“The GP Superclinic has proven very popular since stage one opened its doors in December 2008 by providing around 17,000 medical treatments,’ Mr Vatskalis said.

“And the best that Terry can come up with is to question why there is no X ray machine in the facility and why he himself has to pay to receive medical treatment?

“All people accessing the GP Superclinic’s Urgent After Hours Service are bulk billed, and children under 16 along with pensioners and health care concession card holders will be seen free of charge during day hours.

“And of course X-Ray services at the Superclinic are provided at the adjacent NT Imaging X-Rays in the Palmerston Health Precinct.

“I’m sure the 17 000 Palmerston and rural people who have accessed this service, and those who will continue to use the facility are reeling at Terry’s opposition to it.”

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