Terry Please Explain Why You Hate Superclinics?

Health Minister Kon Vatskalis has called on Opposition Leader Terry Mills to attend a community meeting on the new northern suburbs Superclinic next week to explain to Territorians why the CLP does not support the GP service.

Following on the success of the Palmerston Superclinic, the Commonwealth and Territory Governments have both committed to building a similar GP service in the northern suburbs.

The Commonwealth has promised $5 million towards construction, and next week’s forum will be held for community input into the new service.

“Affordable, accessible, quality public health care for all is a priority for the Henderson Labor Government,” Mr Vatskalis said. “And this Government rejects the CLP policy that the health care you receive should be dependent on the income you receive.

“Already we have seen the success story that is the Palmerston Superclinic which has seen 22 000 people through its doors since opening in December 2008.

“This ultimately eases pressure in the Royal Darwin Hospital Emergency Department by providing more GP’s. Currently we have half the number of GP’s in the NT compared to NSW per 100 000 population, and we continue to work on all strategies to recruit more.

“Sadly the CLP has supported Tony Abbott’s plans to shut down superclinics right around Australia, and has voiced opposition to the construction of this new service.

“Therefore I call on the Leader of the opposition to explain to Territorians next week at this meeting why the CLP does not want a Superclinic built in the northern suburbs.

“We are in Parliamentary Sittings next week however I am offering to pair with the Leader of the Opposition as I believe it is important Territorians hear his views on this matter.”

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