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While Territorians struggle with high costs of living and trying to make ends meet, the Henderson Government is involved in a bitter, self-indulgent internal brawl which has seen its secretary dumped and various faceless men jockeying for the job.

“The removal of Mark Whittaker as secretary last week is an unedifying distraction from the issues that affect Territorians,” says Manager of Opposition Business, John Elferink.

“Mr Whittaker left the job after a factional brawl between Chief Minister Paul Henderson from the party’s right and Senator Trish Crossin from the left.

“He is a scapegoat in an unedifying dispute between two Labor Party dinosaurs trying to wrestle control of their party’s organisation.

“Paul Henderson and Trish Crossin’s simmering hatred shouldn’t come at the expense of the Northern Territory.

“The losers in this dispute are Territorians, who are fed up with Labor’s self serving behaviour.

“While Labor pretends the economy is powering along, two businesses have gone belly-up in the past few weeks and ordinary Territorians are labouring under record house prices, the highest capital city rents in the country and escalating violent crime.”

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