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Local Member for Nhulunbuy

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CLP drops the ball on essential services

While Terry Mills and the CLP continue to duck and weave on gas for Gove plunging the community into crisis, they also can’t ensure access to power for the families at the nearby community of Yirrkala.

Member for Nhulunbuy Lynne Walker said that that if Terry Mills had come to Nhulunbuy yesterday to meet with residents about the future of their town he could have also visited Yirrkala to explain why many families there have had no access to power for days on end.

The problem at Yirrkala is that there has been little information available to residents about increasing power charges and how that affects customers using pre paid power tokens. Pre paid power tokens are being used at a startling rate and now PowerWater has had trouble supplying enough power tokens to keep the lights on.

“The end result is that families, many with young children, are having to get on in hot and uncomfortable conditions without any power for lighting, cooking and other essential needs,” Ms Walker said.

“Terry Mills has said that one of the highest priorities for his government is to improve conditions for people living in the bush. It is increasingly clear the CLP won support in the bush based on empty promises.

“Terry Mills and his team are failing to deliver anything but paralyzed government, disruption to government services and a gloomy future for the people of north east Arnhem land.

“He is “disconnected” and not delivering the improvement to services he promised for people in the bush.”

CLP Treasurer Robyn Lambley has said she could live on $35 a day.

“My question to Terry Mills is: Would he and his family be comfortable living without any power for three days, like a number of families at Yirrkala?”

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