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3 600 TERRITORIANS LOSE THEIR JOBS UNDER CLP

Further evidence Territorians have hurt by the CLP has been confirmed with 3 600 Territorians losing their full time jobs since the Government was elected, Opposition Leader Delia Lawrie said today.

“Today’s ABS Labour Force Figures show 3 600 Territorians have lost their full time job since the CLP Government was elected,” Ms Lawrie said.

“When the CLP came to Government the number of Territorians with a full time job was at a record high. Sadly the full time job rate is now lower than it was four years ago.”

Further, the unemployment rate has risen every month this year under the CLP, in contrast to the national rate which is dropping.

Today, the NT’s unemployment rate has risen to 4.5% - the highest number since 2007.

“Territorians are missing out on the benefits of economic growth with fulltime jobs reducing by 3 600 and jobs overall down by 2 000,” Ms Lawrie said.

“In addition to battling cost of living hikes imposed by the CLP, 3 600 people have either been forced to leave the Territory, take a part time job or join the unemployment queue.

“Disgracefully, the only response from the CLP to these job losses is to impose a new tax on the Territory’s biggest industry, mining to threaten further jobs.

"They simply don’t have a clue how to manage the Territory to deliver local jobs.

“Territorians know an incompetent Government when they see one. These ABS figures confirm the fact. This is why business confidence in the NTG has plummeted by 39%.”

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