PUBLIC SERVANTS REJECT CLP PUSH TO REMOVE JOB SECURITY WITH A PAY CUT

Shadow Minister for Public Employment, Nicole Manison said today that the CLP Government needs to start treating public servants with respect and start negotiating with them in good faith.

“It is little wonder public servants didn’t support the pay and conditions the CLP Government offered them for four years,” Ms Manison said.

“Before the election the CLP promised public servants that their jobs were safe and then took away job security and sacked hundreds of them.

“Through these negotiations on the enterprise agreement the CLP Government tried to strip away working conditions and which would lead to further increased workloads and stress.

“In addition, the pay offer was effectively a pay cut and it is no surprise that the offer was rejected.

“The CLP Government power price hikes have increased the cost of living right up with the current inflation rate of 3.9 percent.

“Hard working Territorians want the CLP Government to stop the chaos, dysfunction and instability.

“It is time for the CLP to start treating public servants with respect and get back to the negotiating table. Instead of bullying public servants and threatening to take away back pay they should start negotiating in good faith.

“Public servants have gone through chaos for the last year and if we want the best services for Territorians, we need a stable and strong public service.

“Negotiating appropriate working conditions and pay is a vital part of this.”

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