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FROGWATCH FUNDING CUT

Shadow Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Natasha Fyles said that the CLP Government was caught out today pretending that it ended funding for Frogwatch by ‘mutual agreement’ by hiding behind legal terminology.

“On 20 December 2012 Frogwatch was told their funding would be cut and they had until Christmas Eve to respond,” Ms Fyles said.

“Being required by the CLP Government to sign a termination deed or not be paid funding arrears clearly is not ‘mutual agreement.’

“The CLP is also missing the point about the risk of a massive incursion of cane toads across Palmerston and Darwin this wet season. Cutting Frogwatch funding is not the way to ensure our yards and public spaces are not overrun by cane toads.

“So desperate are the CLP to deflect any scrutiny or avoid being held accountable that they reverted to using their numbers in the Parliament to censure the Opposition.

“We will continue to hold this chaotic and dysfunctional CLP Government to account.”

Frogwatch has previously said “We did not and do not agree with the cut but were given no choice.” The Minister for Parks and Wildlife, Bess Price is yet to comment on Frogwatch rejecting the Minister’s claims in the Parliament last week.

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