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WORLD TEACHERS’ DAY 2013

Celebrating World Teachers’ Day at Nightcliff Primary School today Natasha Fyles, Shadow Minister for Education said that the CLP Government should be supporting teachers instead of cutting teacher positions.

“Sadly, this World Teachers’ Day the CLP Government is flippant and chaotic about the future of education and job security for teachers in the Territory,” Ms Fyles said.

“Just this morning Education Minister Peter Chandler was caught out saying that permanent teachers do not have to apply to keep their jobs but we are hearing that some permanent teachers have been asked to apply for positions.

“Only yesterday two permanent teachers were told that they were displaced from Casuarina Senior College.

“I expect to hear more examples in coming weeks as teachers receive formal advice about their future.

“Education Minister Peter Chandler’s own figures show that Territory schools have already lost 50 teachers with another 35 teachers to lose their jobs.

“Cutting teachers is not the right way to celebrate World Teachers’ Day.

“The Education Minister is out of touch if he thinks sacking teachers, overcrowded classrooms, less individual attention for students and a drop in our kids’ educational outcomes is what parents and teachers want in our schools.

“Labor supports public education and has invested in Territory education. In contrast, the CLP has created chaos, dysfunction and confusion for kids at school.

“Territorians just can’t trust the CLP on education.

“World Teachers’ Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers and is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made to our community. I thank all Territory teachers for the wonderful work they put into teaching our children each and every day.”

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