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CHANDLER FUMBLES ON EDUCATION

After slashing Territory Government funding for education, Education Minister Peter Chandler won’t stop Commonwealth cuts as well, Shadow Minister for Education Natasha Fyles said today.

This week the federal government announced it is scrapping the previous government’s plans for school funding and will negotiate agreements with all States and Territories within a year.

“It is clear that State Educations Ministers are very disappointed with what the federal government is proposing – apart from Territory Education Minister Peter Chandler,” Ms Fyles said.

“Why won’t the CLP stand up for the Territory and fight for funding for our schools?

“They said no to the previous federal government’s offer of $250 million to deliver more individual attention for kids in the classroom.

“And now Minister Chandler is the only Minister who is not unhappy. While State Ministers are united in their opposition to the plan, Minister Chandler appears to be in complete agreement with Federal Liberal plans to cut federal education funding.

“This week teachers took industrial action against the CLP Government’s cuts. Teachers, parents and students are sending a strong message to the CLP to stop the cuts but Adam Giles and the CLP are not listening.”

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