TOURISM JOBS GO IN CLP’S PRIVATISATION PUSH

Shadow Minister for Tourism Kon Vatskalis has slammed the CLP Government for privatising tourism at the expense of local jobs.

Mr Vatskalis said today’s announcement by Tourism Minister Matt Conlan that 17 Territory tourism workers will lose their job because of the sale of Territory Discoveries shows the CLP Government has the wrong priorities.

“This Government keeps on hurting Territory families instead of supporting them,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“Matt Conlan should be ashamed at sacrificing local jobs to further the CLP’s privatisation agenda.

“The loss of these jobs not only means a very grim Christmas for 17 families, it also means we are in danger of losing specialist knowledge of the Territory’s unique attractions and marketing position.

“While the previous Labor Government had conducted a review into Territory Discoveries to see how wholesale tourism business could be improved, our concern to protect local jobs and support small to medium local tourism businesses was paramount.

“But it seems this CLP Government cares more about the bottom line than jobs and local tourism business.

“As Tourism Minister Matt Conlan is supposed to bring people into the NT, not drive them out of a job.”

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