COMMONSENSE FINALLY PREVAILS FOR MEDI-HOTEL USE

Shadow Minister for Health, Nicole Manison, today said common sense has finally prevailed with the announcement by the Health Minister, Robyn Lambley, to return the 100 bed medi-hotel to its intended purpose.

“RDH has been under immense pressure. Blown out emergency department wait times, double bunking and bed block have plagued RDH during the CLP reign,” Ms Manison said.

“Finally, after a two year wait, due to serious questions from the Opposition, the medical fraternity and local media, the CLP Government has finally abandoned their flawed policy to house mandatory alcohol rehabilitation at the facility and will now use the medi-hotel for its intended purpose.

“The Health Minister has indicated a 6 to 8 week process to bring 30 beds at the medi-hotel online.

“The CLP Government now need to inform Territorians as to when will all 100 beds be available?

“The former Labor Government secured $18 million in funding to build the medi-hotel and had the Palmerston Hospital work well underway to relieve the pressure RDH was under.

“The CLP Government walked away from the existing plans delaying the building of the Palmerston Hospital by years and there are still no real plans or timelines for when it will be built.

“The flawed publicity stunt clearing a few trees last week again demonstrated that this project is also not showing any credible progress.”

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