Shadow Minister for Education, Natasha Fyles, today called on the CLP Government put aside petty politics and go back to the negotiating table to end their dispute with Territory teachers.

“The CLP Government is failing Territory students,” Ms Fyles said.

“As we’ve seen with the strike today, the teachers are speaking out about our education system in crisis.

“We’ve seen drastic cuts to teachers and support staff with around 130 axed last year.

“With a further 10 per cent budget cut underway we face about 150 more teacher losses this year.”

Ms Fyles said she understands the frustration Territory teachers are feeling towards the uncaring CLP Government.

“Teachers play such a valuable role in the education of our children,” Ms Fyles said.

“Teachers have been telling the CLP that this is not a pay dispute but a desperate bid to stop harsh cuts to education resources.

“In Government, Labor has a proven record of investing in the Territory’s education system.

“Education is an essential part of the Territory that in Government, Labor would rebuild education resources.”

Ms Fyles said CLP Government needs to go back to the negotiating table and resolve this dispute now.

“Frustrations are rising in the community at the length of this dispute,” Ms Fyles said.

Ms Fyles said the Chief Minister, Adam Giles, has his priorities wrong.
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Natasha Fyles
SHADOW MINISTER FOR EDUCATION

“The Chief Minister, Adam Giles, is happy to waste $100,000 on a private jet for a photo shoot with the Prime Minister but is ignoring the crisis in our schools.”

“ Territory students deserve better.”

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