Leader of the Opposition, Delia Lawrie, said that the resignation of the three CLP MLAs today makes the by-election in Blain next weekend crucial to determining power - both political and essential services.

“The resignation of the three CLP MLAs today now means that CLP Government’s plan to split PowerWater has a chance to be stopped,” Ms Lawrie said.

“The CLP Candidate for Blain, Nathan Barratt, supports the splitting of PowerWater which means Territorians face even higher bills when the CLP Government moves to privatise our public assets.

“Without the votes of the three resigned MLAs the CLP Government will need to win the seat of Blain to go ahead with their flawed plan to dismantle our essential services.

“The best way to stop privatisation of PowerWater is for the residents of Blain to vote for Geoff Bahnert next Saturday.

“Once a public asset like PowerWater is sold there is no way of getting it back and reversing the damage.”

Ms Lawrie said that the three MLAs who resigned today expressed their dissatisfaction with Adam Giles failed policies.

“Today’s resignation of three CLP MLAs further highlights the utter chaos of the CLP Government,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Adam Giles brought this chaos upon the CLP himself.

“Adam Giles was the architect of the plan to promise billions of dollars of election commitments to bush communities without funding to deliver.

“Adam Giles was the person who cruelly rolled the former member of Blain, Terry Mills.

“Adam Giles has been more focused on retaining power than on governing the Territory.”
“Adam Giles has escalated the cost of living, slashed education, delayed the Palmerston Hospital and arrogantly dismissed the concerns of Territorians in town, the regions and remote communities.

"If his own CLP members walk out saying you can't trust Adam Giles, then how does he expect Territorians to?

“I urge the residents of Blain to stand up to Adam Giles and the CLP Government by voting for Geoff Bahnert in next Saturday’s by-election.”

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