TOUGH TIMES FOR TERRITORY BUSINESS

Leader of the Opposition, Delia Lawrie, today said the announcement by Vincent Aviation that they have gone into administration is a sign of the tough times for Territory business.

“Vincent Aviation provides vital links to some of the Territory’s most remote towns,” Ms Lawrie said.

“In the Territory there is a reliance on small airlines such as Vincent Aviation to facilitate the provision of services to remote areas.”

Ms Lawrie questioned whether the CLP Government’s budget cuts were partly to blame for this situation.

“Has the CLP Government done any analysis on what the flow on effects of their harsh budget cuts will have on businesses that rely on Government spending,” Ms Lawrie said.

“A reduction in public service remote travel as a result of budget cuts will start to impact on regional airlines that have relied on the Government charter business.”

“The latest ABS data showed that more than 2000 Territory businesses had shut their doors in the last financial under the CLP Government’s watch.

“How many businesses have to shut their doors before the CLP understands that the business environment in the Territory for companies not associated with the major oil and gas project is very tough?

“What efforts is the CLP Government taking to assist the 124-strong workforce affected by this administration, or are they ignoring their plight as they have ignored the workers of Nhulunbuy?”

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