TEACHERS REJECT CUTS

Shadow Minister for Education, Natasha Fyles, today said Territory teachers have again rejected the CLP Government’s enterprise bargaining offer with two-thirds voting no.

“Teachers have made it clear that their EBA dispute is over concerns about their conditions and the detrimental changes the CLP Government has made to the Territory’s education system- not pay,” Ms Fyles said.

“We’ve seen drastic cuts to teachers and support staff with the Education Minister, Peter Chandler, confirming yesterday another 182 school-based staff gone.

“Before the election the CLP told frontline staff their jobs are safe but in government they have broken their promise.

“The CLP Government even spent $26,090 in advertising trying to convince teachers to vote for the EBA but it failed.

“The ball is now back in the government’s court and it is time for the CLP Government to go to the negotiating table to resolve this dispute. The Minister needs to start treating teachers with respect and start negotiating with them in good faith.

“The CLP government needs to understand that Territorians do not support cutting front line education staff.

“Territory kids in classrooms deserve better.”

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