PRIVATISATION ON CLP AGENDA

Shadow Minister for Essential Services, Nicole Manison, today said entry of two private companies into the Northern Territory's electricity industry is a sign privatisation is on the CLP Government's agenda.

"The CLP has no mandate to sell our utility assets yet they refuse to rule out future privatisation of retail," Ms Manison said.

"These operators would be after the business of contestable customers - the major energy users.

"Privatisation will lead to an increase in charges and reduction in service reliability."

Ms Manison said the CLP Government cannot be trusted with Territory assets.

"The CLP Government is putting profits before people," Ms Manison said.

"Electricity is an essential service for Territorians and need to be treated as such."

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