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CLP CONDUCTS TIO TALKS IN SECRET

Shadow Minister for Government Accountability Natasha Fyles has called on the CLP Government to lift the veil of secrecy and let Territorians know if the weekend CLP Central Council meeting endorsed the sale of TIO.

“We know there has been a lot of unrest and opposition internally in the CLP with backbenchers and at least one Cabinet Minister expressing concern about the TIO sell off,” Ms Fyles said.

“But the CLP’s weekend meeting in Alice Springs, conducted behind locked doors, has failed to announce whether there was a motion passed by CLP members endorsing the sale.”

“The CLP needs to come clean and let Territorians know what was discussed at their party meeting and who has been promised what from the proceeds of a fire sale.”

“Over the same weekend the Member for Goyder, Kezia Purick was running a petition against the sale at the Coolalinga Markets.”

“The Chamber of Commerce survey showed Territory businesses do not support the sale, and it is clear Territorians don’t support the sale either.”

“The CLP Government does not have a mandate to sell TIO, and the Opposition is calling on the Government to hold public meetings before any decision is made on the sale.”

“The Member for Katherine is the only CLP member to hold a public meeting.”

“The Chief Minister should be holding public meetings in Darwin, Palmerston, Nhulunbuy and Alice Springs on the reasons why he thinks TIO should be sold and giving Territorians a say, not running advertising campaigns promoting a spend-fest on the proceeds of TIO.”

“The CLP took a $10 million dividend from TIO this year, dividends that could fund flood mitigation without selling TIO.”

“Territorians are concerned a sale of TIO will see skyrocketing premiums and less cover”, Ms Fyles said.

TIO is the only insurer in the Territory market that offers no-loophole cyclone, flood and storm surge cover.

Territorians can sign the online Don’t Sell TIO petition at https://www.change.org/p/northern-territory-government-don-t-sell-tio

Territorians can also contact CLP Members of Parliament to voice their concerns.

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