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CLP PLUGS ITS EARS TO GROWING OPPOSITION OVER TIO SALE

Shadow Minister for Government Accountability Natasha Fyles has called on the CLP Government to give all Territorians a chance to have their say about the sale of TIO.

“Katherine residents took the opportunity last night to express their concerns at a community meeting, but the CLP Government needs to be consulting with all Territorians about why they are risking skyrocketing insurance premiums and increasing our cost of living even more.”

“The CLP member for Katherine, Willem Westra van Holthe is the only CLP member to have held a forum for constituents, and even he is concerned about the sale of TIO, telling the public meeting he had concerns about the sale.”

“But the CLP should be holding meetings in every major centre affected by risks to insurance cover with selling TIO: Darwin and Palmerston, Nhulunbuy, Tennant Creek and Alice Springs. They should be talking to people in communities such as Beswick and Daly River that are vulnerable to flooding.”

“They shouldn’t be making decisions about the sale of TIO behind closed doors at the CLP Central Council meeting in Alice Springs tomorrow ahead of proper consultation with Territorians. Give everyone a chance to have their say before making any decisions to push through the sale,” Ms Fyles said.

“Why aren’t the CLP holding a public meeting in Alice Springs to coincide with their secretive central council meeting where we’ve been told TIO is the main item on the agenda?”

Media reports today also show the Member for Goyder, Kezia Purick and Member for Daly, Gary Higgins have expressed concerns about the sale being rushed through.

“Katherine residents were very cynical about any CLP promises around the sale of TIO and like other Territorians were telling the Government – don’t sell TIO.”

“But Chief Minister Adam Giles and his cronies don’t appear to be listening to their own members or Territorians who are telling them not to sell our vital public asset.”

“Territory Labor and Independent MLA Gerry Wood are giving Territorians a chance to have their say about the sale of TIO by signing the petition and attending public rallies.”

“Adam Giles and the CLP have to start listening to Territorians and make sure they take their views into account before making any decision about the future of TIO.”
Member for Johnston Ken Vowles will be holding a meeting about the TIO sale this Sunday (16 November) at Yellow Bridge, Rapid Creek at 1pm, to give Rapid Creek residents concerned about storm surge, and neighbouring residents, a chance to have their say.

The petition against the TIO sale will be available on Saturday 15 November at
- Casuarina Shopping Centre from 9 to 4pm
- Coolalinga Markets
- Parap Markets
- Eastside shopping centre in Alice Springs from 10am

And Sunday at the Rapid Creek and Nightcliff Markets.

Territorians can sign online at https://www.change.org/p/northern-territory-government-don-t-sell-tio

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