Leader of the Opposition, Delia Lawrie, today said that the Victorian election result showed that one term Governments were now a political reality.

Ms Lawrie said that Territorians had suffered for two years under a dysfunctional and chaotic CLP Government that had broken every election commitment and put profits before people.

“Victorians rejected a Liberal Government who had failed to deliver better services across health and education. The CLP Government has taken an axe to frontline service delivery here with three successive years of budget cuts to education and delays on Palmerston Hospital that cause continued stress on our over-crowded Royal Darwin Hospital,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Territorians have been suffering under a dysfunctional CLP who are motivated by self-interest, showing utter contempt for community views as they sell off public assets such as TIO and our Port for a quick cash-grab to pork barrel to the next election.

“The litany of broken election promises will not be forgotten at the next Territory election. Instead of cutting the Cost of Living as promised, Territory families and businesses are struggling under the burden of massive power, water and sewerage hikes and now a looming price escalation in insurance.

“As the coffers fill up under the highest taxing Government in the Territory’s history, our services are also being slashed and frontline workers such as firefighters, paramedics and teachers fight cruel cuts to services.

“Life for our most disadvantaged is getting worse, with a child protection system in melt down after brutal cuts to staff and key family support services.

“Job losses across our remote communities have hit schools, health clinics and shire services as the CLP ignore the needs of Indigenous Territorians.”

Ms Lawrie said that the CLP parade as good economic managers but the reality is the budget remains in cash deficit and across all forward years while tax increases that hurt Territorians and GST windfalls underpin revenue growth.

“The reality is Adam Giles is a big spender on spin, pumping $33 million additional into his Department of Chief Minister to run advertisements defending the indefensible, the sale of our crucial public assets,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Territorians are fed up with being treated with contempt by an arrogant and out of touch CLP Government.”

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