Adam Giles
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

**Labor lacks any credibility on workers compensation**

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Chief Minister Adam Giles has slammed Opposition claims of collusion between the Government’s Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Advisory Council and Allianz as a complete Labor fabrication.

Mr Giles said suggestions by Labor that the Advisory Council members had acted inappropriately when undertaking its review into the Territory’s Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Scheme are absurd nonsense.

“This is an independent report put together by two highly respected Territorians, Mark Crossin, the husband of former Labor Senator Trish Crossin and eminent Darwin Lawyer Mr George Roussos,” Mr Giles said.

“The Government provided no direction in relation to the review and I am advised by Mr Crossin today that the Advisory Council tried to contact the Labor Opposition to brief them on the changes to the scheme and they have not returned the Council’s calls.

“Labor is simply not interested in the facts. They might get in the way of yet another scare campaign.”

The review was independently conducted by consultants under the umbrella of the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Advisory Council, which is made up of worker and industry representatives

“To suggest that Mr Crossin and Mr Roussos, those on the Workers Rehabilitation and Compensation Advisory Council and government colluded with Allianz is absolute rubbish,” Mr Giles said.

“This is a scurrilous slur not only on the reputations of the two men who headed up the review, but also the whole Workers Rehabilitation, Compensation Advisory Council and the staff of the Department of Business who are working to bring forward these important amendments to the legislation.”

The comprehensive review of the Scheme began in March 2013. It involved extensive consultation and the review’s 58 recommendations were all accepted by government.
“Ms Fyles should hang her head in shame for trying to damage the good reputation of Allianz and all involved for the sake of ridiculous political point scoring,” Mr Giles said.

“The best thing Ms Fyles could do is stop spreading mis-information and get on the phone to apologise to all concerned for her ridiculous claims.”

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