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TERRITORY LABOR PUTS CLP ON NOTICE

The Leader of the Opposition, Delia Lawrie, today gave notice of a no-confidence motion against the Government which will be debated next Tuesday.

“Territorians have lost confidence in Adam Giles and his CLP Government,” Ms Lawrie said.

“At a time when Territorians should be reaping the rewards of a strong economy they are instead struggling under the burden of a CLP leader unfit to govern.

“Territorians are fed up with the CLP Government’s constant infighting, dysfunction and chaos.

“The events of the last couple of weeks have proven to Territorians that they are not a priority for Adam Giles and his CLP Government.”

Ms Lawrie said Territory Labor has listened to Territorians and if given the opportunity is ready to govern for Territorians.

“In Government Territory Labor will work to undo the damage to the Territory caused by Adam Giles and the CLP Government,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Labor would halt the CLP’s privatisation push and immediately review crippling PowerWater tariff hikes that are an intolerable cost of living burden for families and businesses.

“We would halt the sale of the Port and work with industry to expand business opportunities with Asia. Our existing Port operates well under capacity and we’d work with trade and resources industries to grow opportunities.

“We would initiate a high-level task force to review the impact of the TIO sale and work with the Federal, QLD and WA governments to implement the recommendations of Pivot North to deliver an affordable public insurance model that promotes investment in Northern Australia giving families and businesses the insurance coverage they need.”

Ms Lawrie said Labor in Government would work with school communities, the Australian Education Union, COGSO and our educators to reinvest in Education to secure a better future for our children.
“We'd restore integrity to Government and appointments based on good governance rather than the jobs for mates approach of the CLP Government,” Ms Lawrie said.

“We will return to working with our fine Police and restore the Separation of Powers so disgracefully torn down by the CLP.

“The first legislation we will introduce will be compensation for our firefighters with cancer and it will be retrospective.

“We would get on and build the Palmerston hospital - fast-tracking construction rather than bogging it down in the quicksand of private operator models that fail to meet the needs of Territorians.

“We will work in partnership with Indigenous organisations and Land Councils to realise the vast potential of Indigenous Territorians, restoring respect rather than the CLP divide and conquer mentality.”

Labor is committed to reinstating funding to the Environment sector and will establish an Office of Climate change to drive investment in renewable energy.

“We would address the tragedy of the Ice epidemic by immediately installing an Ice room at RDH and establishing an Inter-Agency Taskforce of Police, Health and Children and Families to report within six weeks of action that can be taken to combat the scourge of Ice in our communities,” Ms Lawrie said.

“We will continue to seek tourism opportunities and work with the sector to improve domestic and international visitation and restore our relationship with our neighbours by bringing back the much-loved Arafura Games.

“Nhulunbuy structural adjustment opportunities will be pursued to return health to this vibrant community and region.

“We will be a government for all Territorians that promotes harmony and cultural diversity and we will introduce 18C legislation to make racial vilification unlawful.

“We will consult with and listen to Territorians.

“We will encourage debate and be accountable for our decisions. We will restore decency to Government and care for the people of our great Territory.”

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