CLP MOVE TO FATTEN POLITICIANS’ PAY

Labor fought CLP legislation today that paves the way for politicians pay rises in excess of the percentage pay rises for Territory public servants, Leader of the Opposition Delia Lawrie said today.

“Labor had enshrined in legislation that Members of Parliament receive the same percentage pay increase as public servants but today Chief Minister Adam Giles arrogantly tore that up,” Ms Lawrie said.

“Adam Giles and his dysfunctional CLP Government have voted to remove legislation limiting politician’s pay rises and instead put it in the hands of a Remuneration Tribunal without bringing the endorsement back to Parliament – a cynical move to ensure that they will have no choice in the future but to accept pay rises – even if they are in excess of what public servants are receiving.

“Labor stood and opposed this move and voted against it.

“During the debate the Member for Nelson Gerry Wood introduced an amendment that was enthusiastically embraced by the CLP which removed a cap of 80% of Federal Parliamentarians remuneration – essentially now making it a potential open slather pay rise.

“We respect the work of the Remuneration Tribunal but point out that for three years the Tribunal has said our remuneration rate has been ‘de-valuing’ so how can anyone pretend this isn’t a path to pay rises?

“So much for Adam Giles’ promise a few weeks’ ago to be 110% focused on Territorians. The CLP have proven they are 110% for themselves.

“The CLP demand wage restraint from our public servants, but won’t exercise it over themselves.”

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