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DPP must explain why Foundation 51 will not be prosecuted

Opposition Whip Natasha Fyles today called on the DPP to explain why Foundation 51 would not be prosecuted for breaches of electoral laws.

Ms Fyles said it was crucial that confidence in the electoral process and our justice system was maintained.

“Territorians rightly expect that the law is applied without fear or favour,” Ms Fyles said.

“Given that an investigation found a prima facie case and a reasonable prospect of conviction, it is entirely appropriate for the community to expect that the matter would go to court.

“Only a clear and full explanation of the DPP’s reasons not to proceed will give the community confidence that all Territorians are equal before the law.

Ms Fyles also highlighted the arrogant and dismissive attitude of the CLP Government as evidenced by former CLP Treasurer and Foundation 51 Director Graeme Lewis’s “slap on the wrist” comments.

“Today marks one year since the Adam Giles and his CLP Government broke their promise to have an inquiry into political donations,” Ms Fyles said.

“Graeme Lewis’ claims that he would have got a slap on the wrist and a $200 fine if found guilty of breach electoral laws, shows appalling arrogance and ignorance of the electoral act.

“These are serious offences that can carry up to 12 months imprisonment or fines in excess of $150 000.”

‘Graeme Lewis’ comments are typical of a CLP culture which thinks it is above the law and that the electoral act can be breached with impunity.

“While Adam Giles and the CLP remain in power, Territorians can have no confidence that the electoral process open and transparent and their Government behaves with integrity.

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