Adam Giles
Chief Minister of the Northern Territory

Northern Territory Parliament rejects Labor’s political stunt

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Labor’s failure to gain support for a no confidence motion in the Northern Territory Parliament was a failure of Michael Gunner’s leadership and a rejection of Labor’s policy vacuum, Chief Minister Adam Giles said today.

Mr Giles said Labor MLAs spent most of the debate on political point scoring and attacking the Government rather than outlining specific details of what policies they would introduce if elected.

“After three years, Labor has failed to detail how they will keep the Territory moving ahead,” he said.

“We hear plenty of motherhood statements and slogans from the Opposition Leader but nothing of real substance and no details about how Labor would pay for any of their promises.

“One thing the Territory Labor Leader has in common with his friend Bill Shorten in Canberra is that nobody knows what either of them really believes or stands for.”

Mr Giles said the Country Liberals Government had worked hard to rebuild the Territory’s economy, lower the cost of living and maintain our great lifestyle since coming to office in 2012.

“The Northern Territory now has the lowest unemployment in the country, the highest employment participation rate and our economic growth is forecast to outstrip the rest of the nation,” he said.

“While there is more to be done, our plan is getting results – delivering more jobs for Territorians, improving our roads, making our streets safer, and lowering housing and petrol costs.

“By reducing Labor’s debt and getting the finances in order, we’re able to afford to build new schools, improve access to healthcare and invest in sporting and community festivals that celebrate the Territory’s unique way of life.”

Mr Giles said there was a clear choice for Territorians between a strong Country Liberals team working hard for Territorians and a Labor Opposition focussed on negativity and nit picking.

“Territorians won’t be fooled. Territorians don’t want to go back to the bad old days under Labor when the Government was drowning in debt, property and petrol prices were skyrocketing, and crime was out of control,” Mr Giles said.
“Only the Country Liberals have a plan to create more jobs and opportunities in a strong economy, lower the cost of living and maintain our unique lifestyle. Only the Country Liberals have a plan to keep the Territory on track for a prosperous and secure future.”

Mr Giles said with Labor’s political stunt out of the way, Parliament would now move on to important business like debating major education reforms and laws to establish the North East Gas Interconnector.

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