THE CLP CAN’T BE TRUSTED TO DELIVER ON HEALTH

The CLP’s announcement today of a Multi-Storey car park at Royal Darwin Hospital is too little and too late.

“The CLP introduced the incredibly problematic car parking system at RDH when they first got into government and it was one of their dumbest decisions to date and has caused undue stress to Territorians,” said Lynne Walker.

“Territory Labor has already committed to build a Multi-Story car park at RDH and it will be free, unlike the model the CLP are proposing.

“In a blatant move to try and cover their disastrous mistakes just six months out from the election, this CLP Government is trying to rectify all the problems they caused in the first place but they’re still failing.

“Today is just further proof that you cannot trust the CLP to deliver on health.

- The CLP failed every construction milestone on Palmerston Hospital, have only spent $3 million of the Commonwealth’s $55 million contribution, and it won’t be ready until mid-2018. Under Labor it would have opened its doors, be treating patients and relieving demand on Royal Darwin Hospital.
- The CLP failed to meet every single milestone for the delivery of 11 new or upgraded health clinics in remote communities. Only 2 health clinics out of 11 have been officially opened.
- According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Territorians wait the longest in the nation to be treated in our emergency departments.
- In 2014 the CLP announced $4.6 million to deliver an extra 400 elective surgeries each year but only delivered an extra 40.
- Outcomes for people requiring surgery for Categories 1 (within 30 days), 2 (90 days) and 3 (365 days) all went backwards.
- The CLP has implemented a disastrous Alcohol Mandatory Treatment policy that is costing Territorians more than $10 million and treated only 170 patients in Darwin and Katherine.
- The number of Aboriginal Health Practitioners declined between 2014 and 2015 despite committing to a 10 per increase year on year.
- The CLP tore up the agreement with the Commonwealth Government to provide patient accommodation for remote patients in Katherine and in Gove.
- The CLP still have not delivered a new Emergency Department for Gove that has been waiting since 2013.
- They cruelly utilised the Darwin Medi-hotel for their failed Alcohol Mandatory Treatment program.
- They built an alcohol treatment centre for $420,000 in Tennant Creek and then shut it down due to no demand.
- The CLP closed the residential AOD facility in Nhulunbuy and with no consultation converted the facility to a prison.
- The $40 million facelift for Royal Darwin Hospital was confirmed today as being delayed.

You cannot trust the CLP to deliver health services for Territorians.

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