John Elferink  
Minister for Correctional Services

**Labor candidates as out of control as their spending**

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Labor candidate and Northern Territory Prison Officers Association President Phil Tilbrook has taken advantage of his position and used Northern Territory Government resources to rally Labor votes and request donations, according to the NT News (page 5, 07/03/16).

“These actions have overstepped what is appropriate behaviour for a public servant and the community’s expectations of a President of an Association,” Minister for Correctional Services John Elferink said.

“The leeway afforded to Northern Territory Prison Officers Association President does not extend to using Government resources to invite members to vote for a political party or request donations to a personal political campaign.”

“Mr Tilbrook has also gone against Labor policy announcing he would “wind back” Sentenced to a Job, a program which has had enormous success in reducing recidivism rates for prisoners who participate in the program.”

Labor candidates have shown the same haphazard approach to politics as the Opposition has to fiscal management.

“Labor has committed to build a $10 million multi-storey carpark while at the same time committing to replace Royal Darwin Hospital, the structure that the car park will support,” Mr Elferink said.

“Labor has also committed $2 billion for a new tertiary hospital, committed $50 million towards amateur fishing and $100 million towards a new arts centre while at the same time scrapping hundreds of jobs with their moratorium on fracking.

“Labor are fundamentally risking business confidence by announcing that they may revoke water licences.

“Labor’s actions are irresponsible and careless and show the lengths they will go to for a vote in the next election.

"They are prepared to bankrupt the Territory."

“Territorians cannot risk a Labor government.”

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