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CLP MUST STOP CUTS TO SCHOOLS

CLP Minister for Education, Peter Chandler, has refused to rule out more cuts to our schools in the upcoming budget for two consecutive days.

"The Education Minister refused to rule out more cuts to our schools during question time both yesterday and today and that speaks volumes," Ms Manison said.

"The CLP has presided over serious cuts to our education system which has resulted in bigger class sizes, fewer teachers, and schools being expected to do more with far less.

"Yesterday and today the CLP Education Minister also said that funding levels for education had no correlation to the quality of an education or outcomes.

"This is a complete contrast to the CLP’s own submission to the federal select committee on education funding. Their submission promotes that every dollar counts when it comes to education.

Any reduction in funding is likely to have a more significant effect on education service delivery in the Northern Territory than in other jurisdictions, due to limited economies of scale, dispersion and the extent of disadvantage.

Every additional dollar is critical to closing the gap in Indigenous disadvantage in remote areas.

NT Government Submission to Senate Select Committee on School Funding Investment

"The CLP must rule out further cuts to our schools in the upcoming NT Budget – all Minister Chandler needs to do today is issue a press release, tweet or post on facebook stating that there are no more cuts on the way.

"If he continues to refuse then it’s very clear that there are more cuts on the way for our Territory schools."

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