The Territory Opposition continues to piggy back off the Country Liberals Government commitment to investing in school infrastructure, continuing the copycat strategies we have seen over recent months.

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said “Today we saw the Territory Opposition promise $40 million to one of Darwin’s highest performing schools on the back of this Government’s investment in the $12.4 million School of Distance Education on the Bullocky Point site, which is due for completion later this month.

“This is a large commitment into the Fannie Bay electorate held by Labor Opposition Leader Michael Gunner.

"How is Territory Labor going to afford this commitment? What existing services will be cut? Will the funding come from the existing budget seeing Territory Labor walking away from other schools? Or will it cement Labor’s history to grow debt? Remember the debt they left Territorians with when they were last in Government?

“We are committed to developing all Territory High Schools through targeted and equitable infrastructure projects” said Minister Chandler.

"In this term of government we have already delivered on developing Science Technology Engineering and Maths facilities, Special Education infrastructure and upgrades to early education facilities.

"This Government has invested in Taminmin College to position them to take science to a new level with $10 million to build a new two-storey facility including eight science labs and eight additional classrooms.

"The state of the art science equipment and facilities will enable the college to further grow science in the Top End as well as further integrate aquaculture and proposed aquaponics programs, linking to real jobs for Territory students.

"It is this government who put the focus on International Education which is demonstrated by the release of the International Education and Training Strategy 2014-2024."
"A key target of this government’s strategy is to grow the sector to be among the top five export earners for the Northern Territory by 2024.

"Under this government we are on track with International education increasing from 11th to the 9th largest export industry in the Northern Territory, contributing $61 million to the Territory economy.

"The Country Liberals Government is committed to building the capacity and infrastructure of schools right across the Territory.

"We look forward to announcing our commitments to growing education in the Territory during our next term of Government," said Mr Chandler.

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