NTG Supports Tennant Creek Education

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In another imitated election promise Michael Gunner today announced a $6.5 million dollar commitment to develop a preschool on site at Tennant Creek Primary School.

It was only last month that the Minister for Education outlined this commitment is his budget speech.

See transcript from Hansard for Legislative Assembly Sitting date Tuesday 24 May 2016:

- “I want it on record that this government is committed to modernising the education infrastructure at Tennant Creek Primary School, this has already commenced at the Boosting Our Economy package with funding for the school to be repainted. I am happy to report that the students are thrilled with their new red and blue furniture to match the school colours.

- “We are committed to building engaging and modern facilities to support students, especially regarding facilities for special and early childhood education. This is included on our forwards works program and will be delivered by a re-elected Country Liberals government in our next term of government.

“Our commitment to Tennant Creek is evident; the Country Liberals Government provided $50,000 for the commissioning of a Master Plan for Tennant Creek Primary School in 2015.

“How can Michael Gunner expect to lead the Northern Territory without any original policies? The scary thing is if he and his team are elected to form government they will have no one to copy. Where will this leave Territorians?

“I hope people in the bush are not fooled by this commitment, it was only on Tuesday Michael Gunner put $40 million dollars in his own backyard, benefiting only 3% of the Territory’s 40,000 students.

“We already know Labor will turn their back on the bush cutting $120 million out of Indigenous Education by reversing the A Share in the Future Indigenous Education Strategy 2015–2024.”

“After 12 years of ignoring Indigenous Education, Labor’s latest policy wants to put it back under a rock.
'Territory Labor disregards findings of Educational expert’s right across the board, with a new policy that promotes school based board decisions for curriculum delivery and reform in remote and at risk schools.

“The Country Liberals Government’s commitment toward providing a strong education system for all our students and improving the future of Northern Territory children is resolute. Don’t be fooled by the Opposition’s rhetoric, don’t risk Gunner, and don’t risk Labor,” said Mr Chandler.

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