HUNDREDS OF POWER & WATER JOBS FACE THE AXE UNDER ADAM GILES AND THE CLP

Shadow Minister for Essential Services Nicole Manison today outlined the CLP's sale of PowerWater would result in hundreds of job losses.

"When they sold TIO they promised premiums would stay down and no jobs would be lost. Premiums then went up and at least 43 Territorians lost their jobs."

"When they sell PowerWater prices will go up and jobs will be slashed.

"The CLP claim they won't sell PowerWater is as hollow, given they've sold our TIO, leased our Port and sold our bus service.

"The experience in other states confirms that privatisation of power means prices go up and jobs go down.

"Privatisation of power assets in Victoria saw more than a 60% reduction in jobs at the state owned electricity company.

"Even a conservative figure of a 40% reduction means that close to 400 Territorians face losing their jobs at PowerWater when it is sold.

"The Territory economy would take a huge hit if 400 Territorians lost their jobs.

"The CLP have privatised our port, our insurance office and our bus service with no mandate from Territorians.

"We also know that Dave Tollner has spoken about the potential sale of PowerWater in the future, saying:

"It is a good question about the privatisation of assets, because this is something we need to think about in the future. I am not only talking about Power and Water, member for Nelson, somehow or other we need to fund the infrastructure we require into the future.

"We should not be ruling out the sale of assets."

Dave Tollner, Hansard, 11 Feb 2014
“They will sell Power & Water the first chance they get.

“History has shown the CLP break promises, put up power prices and sell off public assets.

“Territorians simply do not trust Adam Giles and the CLP to protect our valuable assets.

“The only way to protect our valuable assets, keep power prices down and save local jobs is to put the CLP last at this election.”

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