Nicole Manison
Treasurer

NT Treasurer calls on Opposition Leader to stand up for the Territory

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Treasurer Nicole Manison today stood up for all Territorians and reiterated the Territory Labor Government’s promise to listen and act.

Ms Manison rebuked Opposition Leader Garry Higgins for his comments around fighting for our fair share of GST after the Federal Government cut $2 billion from the Territory economy.

“For Mr Higgins to suggest the Territory is ‘in the dole queue with a begging bowl’ is disgraceful.

“This trip involves over a dozen highly regarded, high profile business and industry leaders to promote the Territory and Mr Higgins should withdraw his offensive remarks.

“His comments fail the Territory.

“He should be standing up for Territorians like the Chief Minister and I, and fighting hard to get the best deal out of Canberra.

“And unlike the CLP, we will respect the trust placed in us by Territorians. We won’t be taking Higgins and Turnbull’s advice on fracking.

“We will not break our election promise on fracking.

“We will keep the moratorium in place while we look at the science and allow the community to have their say. At the end of the moratorium, as promised, we will either ban fracking or allow it in highly regulated, tightly prescribed areas.

“This afternoon, I will join the Chief Minister in Canberra to fight for the very best deal for the Territory.

“The CLP need to stop insulting Territorians, and stand up for them instead.

“Same old CLP. They haven't listened, and they haven't learned.”

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