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*Minister continues to procrastinate on Secondary Education Review*

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Shadow Minister for Employment Education and Training, Dr Richard Lim, says that the Minister continues to procrastinate over the report on Secondary Education.

“I am asking that the Minister release the report right away so that the community can see clearly what direction Education is going in the Northern Territory,” Dr Lim said.

“We don't need another 2 months of procrastination by the Minister before we find out where we are going with Education.

“We know that several primary schools in the northern suburbs will face closure if Year 7 is transferred to Secondary School.

“We know that several secondary schools will not be able to cope with the extra numbers of Year 7 students.

“We know that it will be very wrong to transfer Year 10 to Casuarina Senior College.

“We know that the NT Open Education Centre must be retained for the effective provision of distance education in the Northern Territory.

“We know that Learning Precincts are not supported and if the Martin Labor Government introduces this, it will remove any significant and meaningful input from parents.

“It should not take the Department of Employment Education and Training nearly two months to review and produce a Cabinet submission on the Socom report of the report on Secondary Education, then advice Cabinet so that a decision can be made.

“November is the end of the school year. It is cynical of the Minister to delay his decision till then, hoping that the Christmas recess will gloss over the report on the report of the Secondary Education Review,” Dr Lim said.

“The Socom report on the Secondary Education Review must be released now.”

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