Terry Mills
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Correspondence vindicates Mills' claims - not Govt should come clean on other plans for Marrara

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CLP Leader Terry Mills has called on the Government to come clean about what other changes it is planning for lease holders of sporting venues at Marrara now that correspondence between Sports Minister John AhKit and the AFLNT confirms the CLP Leader's earlier claims of a threat to the AFLNT's tenure at Marrara.

Mr. Mills said the correspondence vindicates his claims two weeks ago that the Government wanted the AFLNT to give up its lease so that it could take control over the Oval.

"The correspondence makes a lie of the Government's claims two weeks ago that they are not interested in taking the lease for Marrara Oval away from AFLNT," Mr. Mills said.

"It's time the Government stopped with its double speak and dealt in honesty.

"It's now widely known that Government's plans do not end with the AFLNT.

"The Government's Participation and Development arm of Sport and Recreation is looking at all the sports now at Marrara and those such as soccer destined to become new tenants.

"The AFLNT is the first in the firing line as the Government moves to 'help' take Marrara Oval away from Aussie Rules.

"The Government wants to have the controlling say over all the Marrara venues and take over venues for its purposes at its whim.

"In the case of AFLNT how does it plan for its future when potentially it will be without a home after its next five year lease expires.

"The CLP created these facilities to help our sports grow and prosper. We will fight to make sure these facilities stay in the hands of the sports they were created for."

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