8th July 2005

STATEMENT FROM PAUL BUNKER, 
CLP PRESIDENT

I wish to announce today that the Country Liberal Party will not pursuing the matter any further of the possibility of challenging the election result in the seat of Goyder.

Although not entirely happy, the Country Liberal Party has consulted the Northern Territory Electoral Commission and decided that possible breaches of the Electoral Act would not have changed to result in the Goyder electorate.

The votes in question would not have changed the final result of the election. The votes were both scrutineered at the booth on that day and at the Electoral Commission on the following Monday. Both of these counts were consistent with each other.

There appears to be no evidence of tampering and the CLP have concluded that the final result in this electorate is fair.

The Country Liberal Party believes that while we have concerns regarding certain aspects of the Territory election, particularly in Goyder, we have put those concerns to the Electoral Commissioner and are satisfied with his response. The CLP would like to thank the Northern Territory Electoral Commissioner for his work.